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**SUBJECT: SHELTON, ROBERT**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)  
*J. W. pas*  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

DATE: 2/22/66

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS  
(ROBERT SHELTON)

5/20/63 60290/BCE/DCG/jmw  
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ReBulet to Birmingham, copies to Richmond, dated  
2/4/66.

In accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in relet, Birmingham is submitting the following background information concerning ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UNITED KLANZ OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA). This letter contains pertinent background data that is available to the Birmingham Office concerning SHELTON and contains information believed to be of a nature concerning SHELTON which would tend to discredit him.

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON is a white male, born 6/12/29 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. He is about 5' 10", 170 pounds, fair complexion, has reddish-brown hair and blue eyes. He was graduated from Holt High School, Holt, Alabama, in 1945. He attended the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for approximately three quarters of the year 1947. He served in the U. S. Air Force from 6/18/48 to 7/9/51, at which time he received an honorable discharge.

MAE MRS. *McDaniels*  
His father is HOYT SHELTON, who resides at 1708 East 15th Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and his father operates a small grocery store. His mother was a MONTGOMERY; however, her given name is not known. He is married to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] They were married on 8/19/52 in the Holt Methodist Church, Holt, Alabama. His wife is a white female, born [REDACTED] at Bessemer, Alabama. [REDACTED] HEZZIE ARTHUR McDANIELS and MYRTLE MAE JOHNSON, of Route 3, Box 83, Bessemer, Alabama. Both of [REDACTED] were born in Alabama, and [REDACTED] father is a pipe fitter. She is 5' 5", 125 pounds, and has dark brown hair. She graduated from Holt High School, Holt, Alabama, on 5/18/48.

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SHELTON [REDACTED] now reside at #13 Lake Sherwood Drive, Northport, Alabama. For several years, they resided at 1708 East 15th Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, with his parents. He has been a resident of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, area all of his life. His father still resides at 1708 East 15th Street, Tuscaloosa. SHELTON and his wife have three children, two girls, one named [REDACTED] [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] however, the name of the other girl is not known. They have one boy, [REDACTED] and all of these children are under the age of 12 years.

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SHELTON does not drink intoxicating beverages and dislikes anyone who does. He is a chain cigarette smoker and usually smokes Pall Malls. He dislikes grits.

SHELTON likes to brag and is prone to be a "big liar." He is a domineering man and gets along well with anyone who will obey him. He, as far as is known, gets along well with his wife when he is at home; however, he is not at home much of the time. He is not known to have any love affairs with other women at this time; however, some years ago, [REDACTED] at that time, was in love with him but he did not appear to be in love with her. [REDACTED] is a white female, about 34 years of age, 5' 5", 125 pounds. is a blonde and is married to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA in Tuscaloosa at different times for a period of about three or four years during the period 1961-1964. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is not connected with the UKA in any manner, and reportedly he does not approve of the UKA activities and has no sympathy for the Klan at all. [REDACTED] has no known official connection with the UKA; however, as mentioned above, [REDACTED] ROBERT SHELTON with the [REDACTED]

SHELTON's [REDACTED] a car salesman of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. [REDACTED] is also a member of the UKA. [REDACTED] SHELTON. [REDACTED]

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[redacted] It is believed that SHELTON and [redacted] are and have been possibly manipulating the funds of the UKA, although this cannot be proved. It is known that SHELTON and [redacted] and that each presently is living in and buying a home valued at [redacted] b7C better than \$20,000 each. SHELTON is also closely associated with [redacted] officials of the UKA in North Carolina.

SHELTON is motivated in his work by love of publicity and a feeling of importance. He likes to have his opinion sought by different individuals. He is exceedingly interested in the UKA work. He is taking some type of pills, although it is not known whether these are sleeping pills, tranquilizers, or the exact nature of the pills. SHELTON does not sleep very much, and that is due to the fact that he works so late that he just does not get into bed in time to get sufficient sleep. There is no indication that he has any difficulty in sleeping, but he does not get over four or five hours of sleep a night. SHELTON is not interested in sports, such as baseball, football or the like. He may occasionally go fishing; however, his main interest is in the UKA work. He belongs to the Alberta City, Alabama, Methodist Church and does attend church occasionally.

While in Washington, D. C., attending the HCUA hearings, he remained in his room at the Congressional Hotel most of the time. He was staying in Room 709 of this hotel when [redacted], one of the leading UKA members in Alabama, came to see him before [redacted] testified before the HCUA. SHELTON asked [redacted] if he was going to take the Fifth Amendment, which SHELTON wanted him to do, and [redacted] said he did not think he would do so. As [redacted] left the room, SHELTON told him goodbye in a firm voice and slammed the door behind him. b7C

The only known arrest of SHELTON was on 5/21/62 by the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Police Department for violation of the Uniform Firearms Act, but SHELTON was found not guilty on 10/10/62. He reportedly made the statement prior to being found not guilty that he was a police officer and, therefore, was authorized to carry a gun.

SHELTON is known to have bragged that in early 1963 he had 33 television interviews. It is known that he has flown to various cities and places over a great section of the United States to speak at public rallies or other UKA functions and/or to appear on radio or television programs. It is also

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known that in early 1960, he was driving a 1957 or 1958 white Cadillac. In August, 1960, he was driving a dark blue Cadillac. In 1962, he was driving a 1958 green Cadillac. In 1963, he was driving a 1963 white Grand Prix Pontiac. In 1964, he was driving a 1961 black Cadillac.

He reportedly wears a .38 caliber pistol and on occasion has carried a carbine rifle in a gun case in his car, and on some occasions has been reported as carrying as many as two guns in the trunk of his car.

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In October of 1965, ROBERT M. CREEL, who was then the Grand Dragon, State of Alabama, UKA, stated that the various members and officers of the UKA were very disappointed that SHELTON had taken the Fifth Amendment and had placed himself like communists in that regard.

It is believed that SHELTON and his activities are the most vulnerable from the standpoint of his handling or mishandling of UKA funds and possibly the use of rumors or figures alleging income tax evasion. It is known that SHELTON has been employed during a great part of his adult life as a tire builder. In early 1959, he was employed as a tire builder at the B. F. Goodrich Plant at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and resigned from this position in order to take the job as sales manager over all the B. F. Goodrich Stores throughout the State of Alabama. It was rumored that he obtained this position by promising certain officials of the B. F. Goodrich Company that he was in a position to obtain

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the entire tire business of the State of Alabama, which was then worth about one million dollars a year, for four years. He, according to a newspaper article appearing in the 10/11/59 issue of the Birmingham News, obtained a 1.6 million dollar tire contract for the B. F. Goodrich Company from the State of Alabama. It was alleged in this article that this tire contract was a "political debt is paid at last by PATTERSON," and the article goes on to indicate that Alabama Governor JOHN M. PATTERSON was indebted to SHELTON for services rendered by SHELTON and the UKA to him in his race for Governor of the State of Alabama.

In November, 1959, SHELTON reportedly had been called into the Birmingham office of B. F. Goodrich Company during that month and had been advised that he was being fired due to a reduction in the sales force of the company. SHELTON reportedly remarked that the company at Birmingham was being compelled by a few "Negroes" and "Jews" to fire him.

The Birmingham News for 4/30/60 carried an article entitled "SHELTON Ousted from Klan Post." The article quoted E. L. EDWARDS, a Klansman from Atlanta, Georgia, as stating that SHELTON was released as Grand Dragon, an agent of the Klan in Alabama, "for conduct unbecoming a Klansman," and "attempting to use the organization for selfish purposes." Records of the Alabama Office of the Secretary of State reflect that SHELTON had been replaced by Rev. ALVIN KORN of Talladega. The article went on to state that a check had been made with Mr. EDWARDS, who was then the Imperial Wizard of the UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, at Atlanta, and he had stated "We had to have a Grand Dragon in Alabama, and we did not have one in ROBERT M. SHELTON." EDWARDS did not elaborate on what he considered conduct unbecoming a Klansman, as above mentioned. It is to be noted that on numerous contacts with SHELTON, on more than one occasion he has mentioned that he receives copies of communist publications. It is possible that this information may be used to show him up in a bad light.

In 1960, unverified information was received concerning an \$8,000 gambling debt won by "a" ROBERT SHELTON in 1960.

In 1963, it was reported that SHELTON was endeavoring to secure a percentage from truckers hauling whiskey or

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their margin of profit under the division of commission set-up in the State of Alabama from Governor-elect WALLACE, as he supposedly had received money in this fashion under Governor JOHN PATTERSON's administration.

In early 1964, SHELTON and [ ] and another individual had formed the Heritage Insurance Company in Alabama and were prospering from that business. This insurance company was supposed to have been incorporated at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and various UKA members were acting as agents and selling insurance. It was stated that [ ] a Birmingham attorney, was handling the legal affairs for this insurance company. In July, 1964, it was stated that the Heritage Insurance Company had folded up after the Klan members had determined that [ ] was a crook and had been cheating the members. It was also stated that some of the members of the UKA were upset with ROBERT SHELTON as SHELTON was not explaining what he did with the money which had been donated by some citizens of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, during the recent activity concerning the insurance company in Tuscaloosa. It was also stated by one of the UKA members that since ROBERT SHELTON's wife worked in his office and was in charge of the wives of the members of Tuscaloosa Klavern #5 of the UKA, it was difficult to determine what was going on in SHELTON's office at that time.

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The Tuscaloosa News on page one of its 9/11/64 edition carried a caption "Road Probe Labeled Political by WALLACE." The article indicated that an investigation was being conducted into alleged "wrongdoing" found in the handling of engineering contracts in Federal-aid highway projects in Alabama. The article went on to state that a lengthy report had been prepared in regard to the situation, and the report identified ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, as an employee of one of the engineering concerns involved, namely, Dixie Engineering, Inc., of Mobile.

The Tuscaloosa News on page three of its 10/3/64 edition contained an article reflecting that ROBERT SHELTON had been awarded the sum of \$4,200 as a plaintiff in the civil

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damage suit against Dixie Air, Inc., in a settlement verdict entered in the Circuit Court at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, recently. It was stated that this suit grew out of an airplane crash in South Carolina in August of 1963 in which ALVIN SISK, of Tuscaloosa, had been killed and ROBERT SHELTON and one other companion had been injured.

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It is known that about September, 1965, SHELTON moved into his new brick home [redacted] in the Lake Sherwood Development near Tuscaloosa, as mentioned above. It is also known that about that same time, SHELTON was observed to be in possession of a large roll of \$20 bills. It was also reported that in May of 1965, SHELTON in a discussion with other Klansmen at a hotel in Natchez, Mississippi, had claimed that he had lived on \$2,700 from the Klan as his salary during the past year. He then stated that that was all he got from the Klan. At about the same time, SHELTON is also supposed to have stated that in a two-week period after the murder of the white woman in the Selma, Alabama, march, \$5,000 had been received by the UKA and was used as retainer fees for the forthcoming trial. He also stated that now deceased Attorney MATT MURPHY of Birmingham, who had been the UKA lawyer, had spent \$6,000 or \$7,000 of his own personal money in connection with the three Klansmen being tried for the murder of the white woman in the Selma march. In October, 1965, FLYNN ROBERT HARVEY, Grand Dragon of the UKA in Ohio, commented that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, received 50 cents each month from each UKA member.

In October, 1965, [redacted] reportedly had charge of the UKA Defense Fund and paid out lots of money to ART HANES, Attorney for the UKA at that time. It was stated that [redacted] SHELTON, had deposited \$1,889 in the UKA Defense Fund on one day in September 1965. It is to be noted that they, SHELTON and [redacted]

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In October, 1965, the Bureau instructed the Birmingham Office to discreetly attempt to ascertain whether

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During 1965, at one time it was stated within the UKA that ROBERT M. CREEL, then Grand Dragon, State of Alabama, UKA, was short \$1,000, and it was also stated that funds were coming into the UKA at the rate of about \$2,000 per week. It was also stated that on 12/24/65 checks in the amount of \$1,373 and cash in the amount of \$189 were received

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by SHELTON as Imperial Wizard. It was also stated that on 1/20/63 approximately \$2,000 in checks and cash were observed on SHELTON's dining room table. It was further stated that the UKA in North Carolina had collected \$14,000 in two days to support the expense of Klansmen in the ECUA hearings being conducted in Washington, D. C.

As above mentioned, it is believed by the Birmingham Office that SHELTON's vulnerability will probably exist in the manner in which he has failed to account for misused funds coming into the UKA and/or his failure to report funds obtained by him and used by him personally as income.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (174-28) (P)

SUBJECT: BOMBING MATTERS - SUSPECTS  
BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

DATE: April 15, 1966

Re Birmingham letter dated March 11, 1966.

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, has been carried on the Birmingham list of Potential Bombing Suspects for several years, largely because of his official position in the United Klans of America.

On numerous occasions, ROBERT SHELTON's whereabouts have been checked in connection with various bombings throughout the United States. On each occasion, it was established that he was not near the scenes of such bombings. Birmingham Informants have repeatedly reported that SHELTON has made known that he would not condone violence and that they have never had any reason to suspect him of violent tendencies.

In view of the above, SHELTON's name is being deleted from the list of Bombing Suspects in the Birmingham Division.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-5)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-744)

ATTENTION: SECTION CHIEF  
F. J. BAUMGARDNER

HCUA KLAN HEARINGS

RM - (KLAN);

ROBERT M. SHELTON - RM (KLAN):



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Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of Indictment on each of the seven above captioned individuals. One copy of the indictment on [REDACTED] is enclosed for Charlotte. One copy of the indictment on SHELTON, [REDACTED] is enclosed for Birmingham, Columbia, Atlanta and Richmond respectively.

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True bills were returned on all of the above-captioned individuals on 3/3/66 by a Grand Jury, U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Arraignment was set for 3/11/66. WFO will follow.

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Ku Klux Klan  
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During the past several months we have been receiving information from both the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding activities of the Ku Klux Klan and certain members, all of which has been disseminated to the field offices concerned.

Information has been furnished to us regarding the following organizations, all Klan entities, affiliates or fronts:

United Klans of America, K.K.K., Inc.  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan  
United Ku Klux Klans  
Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan  
Original Southern Klans, Inc.  
Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan  
Association of Southern Carolina Klans  
Louisiana Rifle Association  
Alabama Rescue Service  
South Carolina Rescue Service  
South Carolina Rescue Association  
Summit Gun Club (McComb, Mississippi)  
Anti-Communist Christian Association

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The Intelligence Division has a full scale investigation under way on the United Klans of America, K.K.K., Inc., Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The principal issue involves diversion of corporate funds to personal use of corporate officers.

The Intelligence Division also has initiated full scale investigations on the following individuals:

*Robert M. Shelton*

Grand Wizard

United Klans of America, K.K.K., Inc.

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Mr. Robert M. Shelton, Lake Sherwood, Northport, Alabama, is the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, K.K.K., Inc. He appeared as a witness in recent hearings before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and received nationwide publicity. He allegedly diverted corporate funds to his personal use which he failed to report as income.

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Louisiana Rifle Association. This investigation involves alleged income tax evasion based on unreported income received from the Louisiana Rifle Association which [REDACTED] admits is a front for the Klan.

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The Intelligence Division previously conducted full scale investigations of the following Klan members:

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Mr. Robert Echols Scoggins, Spartanburg, South Carolina, is the Grand Dragon of the Realm of South Carolina Ku Klux Klan. [REDACTED]

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In view of the continuing interest in the entire Ku Klux Klan picture, we will report all investigations under this title, rather than by individual names.

No estimated completion date has been set for the above current investigations.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-5)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-744) ✓

HCUA KLAN HEARINGS  
RM - (KLAN);  
ROBERT M. SHELTON, ET AL  
RM (KLAN)

Re WFO airtel 3/7/66.

On 3/11/66, SHELTON and the individuals listed below were arraigned in U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia before Judge BURNITA MATTHEWS on charges of contempt of Congress. U. S. Attorney DAVID G. BRESS requested bond be set at \$500 for each of them and suggested two weeks be allowed for the filing of defense motions as requested by LESTER V. CHALMERS who represented all defendants. The defendants were released to the custody of CHALMERS pending the posting of their bonds. Trial dates were set as stated below:

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**ROBERT M. SHELTON, June 13, 1966**



**All above pled "Not Guilty."**

## SENSITIVE CASE REPORT

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INSTRUCTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_ through channels to ARC  
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 tions, see RC SE Memorandum No. 12-18.

### 1. NAME OF CASE OR IDENTIFICATION OF SITUATION

Robert M. Shelton  
 Lake Sherwood  
 Northport, Alabama

a. CLASS OF TAX  
 Income Tax

b. TAXABLE PERIOD  
 1963, 1964

c. AMOUNT OF TAX  
 \$ Unknown

d. DOCKET NO., IF ANY

### 2. PRINCIPAL ISSUES INVOLVED

Diverting Klan money to personal use.

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### 3. REASONS FOR SENSITIVITY

Taxpayer is the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, K.K.K., Inc. He is presently being investigated by the House Un-American Activities Committee of Congress. He and the Klan have had national publicity as a result of the Congressional hearings and civil rights activities in the South.

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The taxpayer has been contacted by Revenue Agent [REDACTED] on two occasions prior to referral to the Intelligence Division. He has indicated he will cooperate with the examining agents as soon as his records are released by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

This case was referred to the Intelligence Division only a few days ago; therefore, a realistic estimate of the completion date will not be practicable until at least next month.

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 FROM: SAC, WFO (157-744) (P) b7C  
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February 21, 1966

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.

The United Klans of America, Inc.  
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## APPENDIX

### UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

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On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-5)  
FROM: SAC, WFO (157-744)

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furnished information on 1/7 and 10/66.

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ROBERT M. SHELTON

A source, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised as follows:

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Robert M. Shelton held a press conference on January 7, 1966, at his suite in the Congressional Hotel at which time he issued a press release bitterly attacking the committee staff of the HCUA for being responsible for the recommendation that he be cited for Contempt of Congress. He made clear in this statement that he was not attacking the Congressional members of the committee but stated "it is directed solely toward the Gestapo antics and vicious half-truths and lying-innuendoes voiced by a power-drunk staff." Source advised on January 7, 1966,

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and [redacted] that Shelton  
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Title of Case <b>ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, aka Robert M. Shelton, Robert W. Shelton, Robert Shelton, R. M. Shelton, Bobby Shelton, Bobbie Shelton, Bob Shelton</b>		Report made by <b>SA [redacted]</b>	Typed By: <b>ela</b>
		Character of Case <b>RM (KLAN)</b>	

## SUPPLEMENTAL NONPROSECUTIVE SUMMARY

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted]  
at Birmingham, dated 11/3/65;  
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at Birmingham, dated 7/23/65. b7C

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LEAD:BIRMINGHAM DIVISIONAt Tuscaloosa, Alabama:

Will follow activities of SHELTON through informants  
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Report of: SA [redacted] b7C Office: Birmingham  
 Date: 5/4/66

Field Office File #: BH 105-560 Bureau File #: 157-552

Title: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, continues to serve as Imperial Wizard of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA). SHELTON resides at #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama. Informants report activities of SHELTON in Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, Ohio, Washington, D. C., Delaware, and North Carolina. Additional information regarding description of automobiles in possession of SHELTON set out. SHELTON indicted by Federal Grand Jury, U. S. District Court, District of Columbia, and True Bill returned, 3/3/66, charging violation Title 2, U. S. Code, Section 192.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND:

RESIDENCE:

#18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama.

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EMPLOYMENT:

United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, (UKA).

CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION:

Imperial Wizard, UKA.

A characterization of the UKA is set forth in the Appendix of this report.

AUTOMOBILES:

[redacted] License Commissioner's Office, Tuscaloosa County Court House, advised the following automobiles are registered to ROBERT M. SHELTON, #18 Lake Sherwood Drive, Star Route, Northport, Alabama:

- (1) 1961 black Cadillac, four door sedan (62 series), bearing 1966 Alabama license 63-28114.
- (2) 1963 Chrysler Imperial, four door sedan, black in color, bearing 1966 Alabama license 63-28115.

CLOSE ASSOCIATES:

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, is known to associate closely with [redacted] Tuscaloosa, Alabama, who is [redacted] of the UKA; along with [redacted] who are affiliated with [redacted] b7C the UKA, in North Carolina.

CONNECTIONS WITH KLAN-TYPE  
AND HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS:

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On October 13, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Source

ROBERT SHELTON, requesting UKA Klansmen in the State of Louisiana to send telegrams to Congressman EDWIN WILLIS, Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, requesting that they delay committee hearings for a period of two weeks. [ ] advised that according [ ] SHELTON was not prepared for HCUA hearings, and wanted the meeting delayed.

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On September 11, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Source [ ] advised that a rally of the UKA was held at Taylortown, Louisiana. Principal speaker at this rally was ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA. JACK HELM, Assistant Grand Dragon for the UKA in the State of Louisiana, also gave a speech. [ ] advised that ROBERT SHELTON criticized the Federal Government, stating there were communists and sex perverts holding key positions in the Government. [ ] advised that SHELTON had stated that Selma, Alabama, the target of civil rights demonstrations in the Spring of 1965, had actually been picked for similar type demonstrations in the Fall of 1963. [ ] advised that SHELTON lauded the white people of Bogalusa, Louisiana, for standing up against the Federal intervention into their personal affairs. [ ] advised that SHELTON had stated that the Federal anti-poverty program was simply money which would be used to appease politicians, in order that they accept integration.

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[ ] advised that on the night of September 14, 1965, a cross burning rally of the UKA was held in the Lake Charles, Louisiana, vicinity. [ ] advised that ROBERT SHELTON, at this rally, stated he was extremely unhappy in regard to the State of Louisiana, inasmuch as the state was unproductive as far as accomplishing very much. [ ] advised that SHELTON stated there were very few units and Klan members in this state, for its actual population.

[ ] advised a public rally of the UKA was held in Chesterfield County, Virginia. [ ] advised that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of UKA, from Alabama, was advertised as the main speaker. [ ] advised SHELTON addressed the rally, along with BOB KORNEMAY, from Raleigh, North Carolina, who was announced as the Grand Dragon from Virginia.

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On October 30, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Source T-5 advised that JAMES L. FRAZIER, MELVIN SEXTON, and ROBERT SHELTON departed Tuscaloosa, Alabama, via private plane, and arrived in Natchez, Mississippi. T-5 advised that a large Klan march in downtown Natchez was held in the afternoon, and a Klan rally was held in the ball park Saturday night, at 7:30 P.M. [redacted] advised that approximately 6,000 to 7,000 persons attended. [redacted] advised that ROBERT SHELTON was the featured speaker at this rally, and returned to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on October 31, 1965.

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BOBBY SHELTON took the floor and proceeded to tell about what has happened in Washington. [redacted] advised that SHELTON stated that all members know that the books of the UKA have always been open to members, at which time he passed a photographic copy of insurance check in an amount exceeding \$2,000.00, with a notary statement attached, showing how much the lawyer got and where the money came from. [redacted] advised that SHELTON instructed anyone being subpoenaed to Washington would be given the same protection by contacting Mr. SHELTON at the "Village Inn Motor Hotel, Highways 29 and 211, eight miles west of Washington, D. C., at Falls Church, Virginia." [redacted] advised that BOBBY SHELTON made the statement that he had hired a labor relations man in Washington, D. C., and has paid him approximately \$1,500 for inside information as to how the Federal Government is getting their information. [redacted] advised that SHELTON stated anyone or whoever is giving out information about the UKA would be found out during the trials in Washington, and he stated he would not be responsible for these people.

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[redacted] advised on September 29, 1965, that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, stayed at the Holiday Inn located between Zanesville and Cambridge, Ohio, during the period September 25 - 26, 1965. [redacted]

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[redacted] during this period of time b7D in connection with a Klan rally which was held at Cambridge, Ohio, during this period.

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[redacted] advised that approximately 150 to 200 Klansmen took part in a march through the streets of Natchez, Mississippi, to the court house there. [redacted] advised that at 7:30 P.M. that date, a UKA cross burning rally was held at a ball park located outside of Natchez, Mississippi, and the featured speaker at this rally was ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA. [redacted] advised that ROBERT SHELTON gave his typical speech, criticizing the Federal Government, and criticizing the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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On November 29, 1965. [redacted] advised that [redacted] first name believed to be [redacted]

[redacted] has been traveling in the company of Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON of the UKA. [redacted] stated this individual has reportedly received a grant from the Ford Foundation to write a book on the Klan. [redacted] stated he believed [redacted] was originally from the State of Connecticut; however, he stated it was his understanding he was now in France. [redacted] advised he has no additional information concerning this individual.

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[redacted] advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, attended a State Rally of the UKA, Realm of Alabama, on October 31, 1965, at the Matt Murphy, Jr., Klavern Number 10, meeting hall, Linden, Alabama. [redacted] advised that ROBERT SHELTON gave the opening speech, and spoke for approximately a period of two hours concerning the hearings before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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[redacted] advised that a Klan rally sanctioned by UKA was held near Cambridge, Ohio, on September 25, 1965. [redacted] advised that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, was in attendance at this rally and made one speech on September 25, 1965. [redacted] advised that SHELTON refused to make any additional speeches, and exhibited disappointment and disgust with the way this rally was organized and handled by [redacted] of Columbus, Ohio.

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[Redacted] advised that on the evening of December 8, 1965, approximately 75 to 100 members of the UKA were present at the Province meeting at Cherryville, North Carolina. [Redacted] advised that among those present were:

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ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard;

JAMES R. JONES, North Carolina Grand Dragon;

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[Redacted] advised that SHELTON spoke at great length, and primarily talked in favor of non-violence. [Redacted] advised SHELTON went so far as to say that if Klansmen see a white girl and a Negro man walking down the street, or a white man and a Negro girl, they should go on by and not say or do anything to them.

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[redacted] advised that on Sunday, December 19, 1965, a meeting of the UKA was held at Dick's Old Truck Stop, owned by [redacted], which is located near Amelia, Virginia. [redacted]  
[redacted] advised ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, presided over the meeting, and advised that there were approximately 200 persons present.

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[redacted] advised a rally of the Virginia State Klavern was held at Victoria, Virginia, on December 18, 1965, with an estimated crowd of 2,700 persons. [redacted] advised the following individuals were present:

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[redacted] advised that on February 27, 1966, a State Meeting of the UKA was held at Salisbury, North Carolina, and advised [redacted] that Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON was in attendance. [redacted] advised that SHELTON stated new offices would be opened in Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Minnesota, and Oklahoma, in the future. He stated he expects opposition from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Americans for Democratic Action.

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[redacted] advised that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, spoke [redacted] advised this meeting was held [redacted] and was held under the name of the Delaware Rescue League. [redacted] advised SHELTON spoke at great length, talking on Klan Kraft and the conduct of meetings and organization. [redacted] advised that he spoke of his trials and tribulations before the HCUA Committee in Washington, D. C.

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MISCELLANEOUS:

By communication dated March 7, 1966, the Washington Field Office furnished the following, which is a copy of the indictment of ROBERT M. SHELTON. It is noted a True Bill was returned on ROBERT M. SHELTON on March 3, 1966, by Federal Grand Jury, United States District Court, District of Columbia. Arraignment was set for March 11, 1966.

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

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Second source advised that at a meeting in Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Third source advised on August 4, 1965, that the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is currently an active organization with Klaverns in several southern states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization, and was last elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source said that the activity of the UKA is increasing and that the National Office remains in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
1400 - 2121 Building  
Birmingham, Alabama 35203  
May 4, 1966

Title ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Character RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference Report of SA [redacted]  
at Birmingham, dated  
May 4, 1966.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## *Memorandum*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
Attn: CRIME RECORDS SECTION  
FROM : *Dick C*  
SAC, MOBILE (157-1549)  
SUBJECT: ROBERT M. SHELTON  
RM - KLAN

On 4/17/66, the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) held a rally at Luverne, Alabama. ROBERT M. SHELTON, Grand Dragon of the UKA in Alabama, spoke at this meeting, and [REDACTED] b7C POTENTIAL RACIAL INFORMANT of the Mobile Office (MOfile) furnished the following information concerning b7D SHELTON's speech:

[redacted] advised that SHELTON said he was tired of the FBI going around to people's houses and asking if their car was at a klan rally. SHELTON said that the FBI is nothing more than a spy, and J. EDGAR HOOVER is up in Washington getting rich off the taxpayers. He also said that LYNDON B. JOHNSON is blackmailing Congressmen and getting bills passed that should not be passed. b7C b7D

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of August 10th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I am enclosing the only material this Bureau has available for distribution regarding the organization you mentioned. It will not be possible to furnish any additional data as information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy.

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COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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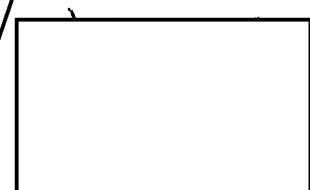
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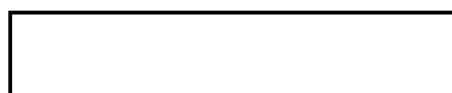
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Cordially

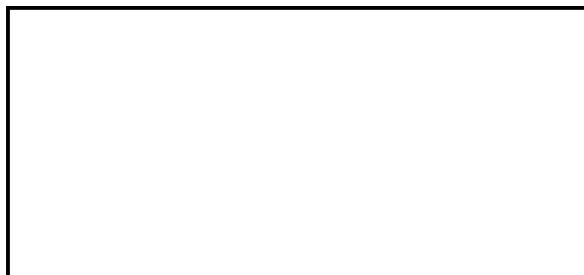
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 6/13/66

FROM : [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
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RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Wick  
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As you have been previously advised, Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and six other Klan leaders were indicted for Contempt of Congress for failing to produce Klan records subpoenaed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Shelton's trial was scheduled to start today.

At 10:25 a.m., Mr. James L. Weldon, Jr., of the Internal Security Division of the Department telephonically advised that United States District Judge Matthew F. McGuire had started the proceedings today with an inquiry as to why there was a rush on Shelton's case since the other defendants were not scheduled for trial until October. Klan attorney Lester V. Chalmers immediately requested a postponement until a later date. Of course, the Department desired an early trial of Shelton since it is anticipated any conviction will be appealed and the Department felt that motions and so forth with regard to Shelton could be handled prior to bringing the others to trial.

Judge McGuire postponed Shelton's trial until 9/12/66. It is the Department's opinion that Judge McGuire has a crowded schedule of jail cases which he wants to dispose of first. United States Attorney Bress told in court that the Government's case would take one or two days, while Chalmers advised the court that the defense would take one or two weeks.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-370)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-470)

RE: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA  
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past, concerning Klan matters, orally advised SA [redacted] that he was in attendance at a Klan conference conducted by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizzard of UKA on 5/30/66, at the Downtowner Motel, CV.

This conference consisted mainly of questions asked of SHELTON by those in attendance who for the most part are active members of NKKKK, Klavern #6, Cleveland. SHELTON generally advised that he was not in Ohio to take away members from other Klans, but anyone wanting to join UKA could do so.

SHELTON noted that some Klansmen are receiving "postcards" bearing the message "We know you are a Klansmen", and they, referring to the audience, should not be scared if they receive one. He stated that he thinks the FBI is behind the postcards and these postcards are directed to people whose license plate numbers were taken by the FBI at various Klan functions.

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SHELTON also mentioned an "Operation Nancy" which is operated by the FBI in Ala. He noted the FBI has seven to nine prostitutes working for them who solicit the business of Klansmen in order to gain info from them for the FBI. In the event any of these prostitutes are arrested, they merely have to call the FBI and identify themselves as "NANCY" and thereafter the FBI has the particular prostitute released.

SHELTON spoke of the FBI infiltration of the Klan by FBI informers. In this regard he noted that he personally knows of one individual who has been an FBI informer for the past five years; however, he is not doing anything to expose this individual as he would then have to worry about who this individual's replacement would be. He noted that he only gives this individual info which he wants him to know on the assumption he would furnish the info to the FBI. The manner in which Shelton spoke indicated to [redacted] that this individual b2 is someone close to SHELTON.

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SHELTON also told of Klansmen being approached by the FBI to become informers. He advised that one of these persons contacted for this purpose by the FBI came to him and he instructed this person to play along with the FBI and become an FBI informant. This person is now an FBI informant with the full knowledge of SHELTON and the payment this person receives from the FBI for his services as an informant is turned over to a Klan fund. [redacted] noted b2 that SHELTON did not specifically say where this informant operates, but it would again appear to be someone close to b7D SHELTON.

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In view of the seriousness of the allegations pertaining to SHELTON's alleged knowledge of FBI informants and operations, [redacted] was interviewed in detail concerning these aspects; however, he could furnish no further info than noted above, and was not in a position to question SHELTON further without placing suspicion on himself.

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As the FBI infiltration of the Klan has been a matter of Klan speculation and general knowledge for sometime, this info has not been incorporated into an LHM; however, the BH Office is in a position to evaluate this info and make any recommendations as to any warranted action based on their experience and knowledge of the operations of the UKA and particularly prior allegations of a similar nature.

Copies of informant's report covering the above info will subsequently be furnished the BH, CI and MO Offices.

The MO and CI Offices are also being alerted to this matter.

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2-41 AM EDT URGENT 5-11-66 FKM

TO DIRECTOR (62-109116) AND NEW ORLEANS  
FROM PHILADELPHIA (62-4369)

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AT ELEVEN FORTY PM FIVE ELEVEN SIXTYSIX SAME ANONYMOUS CALLER RECONTACTED FBI OFFICE, PHILA. AND REQUESTED THE HOME ADDRESS OF ROBERT SHELTON. UPON QUESTIONING ABOUT HIS PREVIOUS PHONE CALL TO THIS OFFICE REGARDING A THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT, ANONYMOUS CALLER STATED HE OVERHEARD A CONVERSATION IN "O'SHEA'S" (PHONETIC) - (NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION BY TWO WHITE MALES. THE TWO MEN WERE QUARRELING ABOUT THE USE OF A SILENCER AND WHERE THEY COULD OBTAIN ONE. CALLER ALSO SAID HE OVERHEARD THE TWO MEN SAY "ASSASSINATE THE PRESIDENT."

CALLER SAID HE WOULD GIVE FBI FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF THE TWO WHITE MALES WHEN HE COMES TO THE OFFICE OF THE FBI IN PHILA. IN THE AFTERNOON OF THIS DATE.

DURING THE CONVERSATION THE CALLER TALKED FREELY AND COHERENTLY. ~~ON MAY 16 1966~~  
HE SEEMED INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KKK. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN PHILA. TWICE, ONCE FOR DRUNKEN DRIVING AND ONCE FOR A & B. HE IS ALSO AN AIR FORCE VETERAN (AIR POLICE). WHEN ASKED TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF CALLER SAID "JOHN" WAS GOOD ENOUGH.

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NEW ORLEANS ADVISE IF ANY INFORMANTS OR SOURCES FILLING ABOVE DESCRIPTION ARE KNOWN TO MAKE THIS TYPE OF CALL OR WOULD BE IN PHILA. AREA.

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Title of Case  <b>ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, aka Robert M. Shelton, Robert W. Shelton, Robert Shelton, R. M. Shelton, Bobby Shelton, Bobbie Shelton, Bob Shelton</b>		Report made by <b>SA [redacted] b7C</b>	Typed By:

**SUPPLEMENTAL NON-PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY**

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] at Birmingham  
dated 5-4-66.

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**LEADS:****BIRMINGHAM****AT TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA.**

Will follow activities of SHELTON through info  
and sources.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

It is noted investigative period of this report

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**Report of:** SA [redacted] **Office:** Birmingham  
**Date:** 9-29-66 **b7C**

**Field Office File #:** 105-560 **Bureau File #:** 157-552

**Title:** ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

**Character:** RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

**Synopsis:** ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, continues to serve as Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA). SHELTON resides at #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, and maintains National Headquarters of UKA in his home. Informants report activities of SHELTON in southeastern and northeastern United States. Current information regarding descriptions of automobiles in possession of SHELTON set out.

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**DETAILS:**

**I. BACKGROUND**

**A. Residence**

#18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route,  
Northport, Alabama

**B. Employment**

United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), Imperial Wizard. A characterization of the UKA is set forth in the appendix of this report.

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C. Automobiles

[redacted] Claud W. Brent  
Motors, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, advised the following automobiles  
are registered to ROBERT M. SHELTON, #18 Lake Sherwood Drive, b7C  
Star Route, Northport, Alabama:

(1) 1962 Chrysler Imperial, four-door sedan,  
white in color, bearing 1966 Alabama  
license 63-10357

(2) 1965 Chrysler Crown Imperial,  
four-door sedan, light green in color,  
bearing 1966 Alabama license 63-2816.  
This vehicle is equipped with a monitor  
radio, capable of monitoring all police  
frequencies, and telephone #752-7711.  
This vehicle is equipped with two antennae  
mounted on the rear trunk deck lid, and  
a "NEVER" sticker is located on the front  
bumper of this vehicle.

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D. Close Associates

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, is  
known to associate closely with [redacted] Tuscaloosa,  
Alabama, [redacted] along with [redacted] b7C  
[redacted] who are affiliated with the UKA in North Carolina.

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II. CONNECTIONS WITH KLAN-TYPE  
AND HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS

[redacted]  
[redacted] advised ROBERT M. SHELTON was a featured speaker at a b2  
UKA rally and cross-burning held at Luverne, Alabama, same d b7D

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[redacted] advised ROBERT M. SHELTON was feature speaker at a special  
state meeting held at the Bessemer Klavern, Bessemer, Alabama.  
[redacted] advised SHELTON praised the states of Maryland, Delaware,  
North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia, on the rapid b2  
growth of the Klan in these states. [redacted] advised SHELTON b7D

stated that Alabama was falling far behind in the organization in the maintaining of their units. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated some of the states had as many as 60 active Klaverns in operation. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated the [redacted] had been put on full salary, and would serve in the capacity [redacted] advised SHELTON stated one of the border states' Klan organization had six paid men working full time for them. [redacted] advised SHELTON then mentioned the contempt trials and stated insofar as the few men, as he had stated, had "eaten bird-seed", he would spend less time in prison, if convicted, than they would. [redacted] advised SHELTON said that a certain man in West Virginia had given him seven checks at \$10,000 per check that was to be used as bond money if it were needed. [redacted] advised that SHELTON had asked for money to be sent in for his and the other men's defense.

[redacted] advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON attended, and was the featured speaker at an open rally of the UKA held at the courthouse at Brownsville, Tennessee. [redacted] advised SHELTON made a lengthy speech outlining the history of the Communist Movement from its inception to the present time, and explained how Communism had always been financed by the international bankers backed by the House of Kohn and Lobe. [redacted] advised SHELTON blasted President LYNDON B. JOHNSON, saying that JOHNSON was always a crook and corrupt politician who stole his first political position, Magic Box #13, in the State of Texas. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated the reason JOHNSON has been able to manipulate his rubber-stamp Congress was because his [redacted] had damaging evidence on the majority of the Congressmen, which he could use to blackmail them. [redacted] advised SHELTON also told of how [redacted] had acquired his millions by working hand-in-hand with LYNDON B. JOHNSON, and told of how Attorney General KATZENBACH was responsible for the intimidation and harassment of Klan people throughout the United States.

[redacted] advised ROBERT M. SHELTON attended a meeting of the United Klans of America [redacted]

[redacted] advised SHELTON lectured on young people and the recruiting of students, and stated in the future, he was going to organize junior Klan groups.

[redacted] advised SHELTON lectured on three things which give the Klan organization the most trouble: liquor, guns, and loose tongues. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated that units such as Unit #3 located in Newark, Delaware, where 80 percent of its members were employed in an industrial plant, such as Chrysler, were beneficial to the Klan organization, because such a unit could b2 control the union in the plant, and a Klan union could control the corporation. *full* *1155*

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*TM* [redacted] advised SHELTON had stated the UKA organization in the State of Texas had completely collapsed. b2

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*LA* [redacted] advised Imperial Office of the UKA is located in BOBBY SHELTON's home, #18 Lake Sherwood, Northport, Alabama. [redacted] advised the carport of this home had been converted to office space for the National Headquarters of the UKA, Inc. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised ROBERT M. SHELTON attended a rally of the UKA, was featured speaker of this rally held at Jasper, Alabama. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was the only organization that worshipped God at meetings. [redacted] advised SHELTON spoke against Gubernatorial candidate ELLIOT. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised ROBERT M. SHELTON attended a State meeting of the UKA, held at Salisbury, North Carolina. [redacted] advised SHELTON was the featured speaker and spoke at great length about the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings and about the publishing of "The Fiery Cross" newspaper. [redacted] advised SHELTON, in his speech, stated they had spent \$25,400 in Washington in connection with the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings, and they had received \$24,000 in donations. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated property had been leased in New York, Chicago, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and other northern states for rallies this summer. b2 b7D

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[redacted] [redacted] concerning a new militant group that was being organized near Shreveport, Louisiana, and discussed the possibilities of the Klan and this group working together. [redacted] advised this new organization was to be ran along the lines of the military organization, including the wearing of uniforms. [redacted] advised the main purpose of this organization would be to assist local law enforcement officials in maintaining law and order throughout the State of Louisiana. b2 b7C b7D

[redacted] [redacted] advised ROBERT M. SHELTON attended and was the featured speaker at a rally of the UKA, Inc., KKKK, held at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. [redacted] advised SHELTON gave his standard speech, criticizing the Federal Government, and also commented that the Federal Bureau of Investigation could prove that the explosions at Birmingham, Alabama, two to three years ago, had been caused by dynamite. [redacted] advised SHELTON was specifically referring to a Negro church which exploded, killing a few Negro children. *But* b2 b7D

[redacted] advise [redacted]  
[redacted] advised SHELTON stated there was much dissention in the State of Alabama, UKA, since some Klan leaders had been pocketing money taken in for various defense funds to support Klansmen who had been arrested in the State of Alabama. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated he was disgusted with these individuals who used Klan money for their own means. b2 b7D b7C

[redacted] advised ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), [redacted] b2 b7D b7C

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a rally that night in Beaumont, Texas. [redacted] advised ROBERT SHELTON was featured speaker at this rally.

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advised ROBERT M. SHELTON was to be featured speaker at a Klan rally to be held on June 4, 1966, at Montpelier, Louisiana.

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On the night of May 7, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted] advised a banquet was held on the seventh floor of the Eola Hotel, Natchez, Mississippi, by members of the UKA in the State of Mississippi. [redacted] advised this banquet started at approximately 5:45 P.M., and terminated at approximately 7:25 P.M., and stated ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, was present at this banquet. [redacted] advised following this banquet, a rally was held at the Liberty Ball Park, Natchez, Mississippi, beginning at 8:00 P.M., and terminating at 11:00 P.M. [redacted] advised the featured speakers at this rally were ROBERT SHELTON, JACK HELM, and E. L. MC DANIEL.

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On April 30, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted] advised a UKA rally was held south of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the Old River Road. [redacted] advised this rally started at approximately 6:00 P.M., and concluded at about 9:30 P.M. [redacted] estimated there were between 1800 and 2200 spectators at this rally. [redacted] stated ROBERT SHELTON was featured speaker at this rally. [redacted] advised SHELTON spoke for approximately two hours, talking on many items about segregation and the Federal Government interfering with the activities of segregationists.

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advised ROBERT SHELTON attended a meeting of the UKA [redacted] and was the featured speaker at this meeting. [redacted] advised SHELTON gave a speech in which he urged UKA representatives in Mississippi to settle their differences and stop fighting among themselves. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated the Klan would either collapse in the Summer of 1966 or continue to exist stronger than ever.

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Linden, Alabama, Klavern. [redacted] advised the main business of the meeting was a long talk by Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON concerning the Klan in Alabama. [redacted] advised SHELTON was very angry about immorality in the Klan, drinking at meetings, and the public image of the Klan as being bad, particularly in the State of Alabama. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated that at the recent Congressional hearings in Washington, D. C., Klansmen were seen carrying cases of beer on their shoulders through the b2 streets of Washington, and SHELTON read "The Riot Act" over this and other evidences of Klan immorality, etc. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated he was tired of living out of a suitcase and doing business out of his hip pocket. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated he was particularly concerned about the membership being off in Alabama, and he stated it was a disgrace to have such a lack of activity in the state when a little state like Delaware was busy recruiting new members all the time.

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L A [redacted] advised principal speakers at the rally which followed were ROBERT SHELTON, JACK CANNON, Grand Dragon, State of Texas, JACK HELM, and E. L. MC DANIEL.

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[redacted] advised that SHELTON stated some Klansmen are getting "postcards" bearing the message "We know" b2

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you are Klansmen" and stated they should not be scared if they received one in view of the fact he is of the opinion the FBI is behind this activity. [redacted] advised SHELTON also mentioned a "Operation Nancy", which is operated by the FBI in Alabama.

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[redacted] and that since it was apparent the main and biggest gripe of the Klansmen was the lack of a financial statement, he would see to it that [redacted] would have a financial statement for the year 1965 at this meeting. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated it was up to the State Board to exert itself, rather than for the Imperial Staff to take action.

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[redacted] advised the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, held a rally near Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and ROBERT W. SHELTON of the UKA was featured speaker at this rally. [redacted]

[redacted] advised SHELTON stated the UKA is a non-violent organization and interested in making the American public aware of the Communist menace, and further, the UKA is fighting to maintain b2 segregation with ballots, not bullets. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated President JOHNSON, the Attorney General of the United States, and Congress should point the finger of suspicion at organizations, such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the John Birch Society, and the Citizens Council, not at the UKA. b7D

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[redacted] advised ROBERT W. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, was the guest speaker of the North American Alliance for White People at Sachsenheim Hall, 7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. b2 b7D

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[redacted] advised SHELTON began this meeting by reporting the financial status of each Klavern, insofar as remittance of Imperial State, and State taxes was concerned.

[redacted] advised it appeared that according to this report, most Klaverns are in arrears with these taxes than otherwise. [redacted]

[redacted] advised SHELTON stood up for approximately one hour, and SHELTON criticized the entire Klan organization in the State of Alabama b2 for failing to send in the monthly reports and for being general foul-ups. [redacted] advised SHELTON again cited the shining examples b7D

of North and South Carolina, Virginia, Florida, as well as several Northern states, and stated he had to "hang his head in shame over the Klan organization in Alabama." [redacted] advised SHELTON stated that beginning with that meeting, each Klavern that allowed itself to become in arrears in connection with the Imperial and State taxes would have its charter revoked. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated the Imperial Office maintained a full-time public accountant, and stated this accountant's services were available for any Klavern that required help in connection with the maintenance of their books.

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[redacted] advised two new innovations are being introduced in connection with Klan operations within the State. [redacted] advised one of these is the calling in of all charters of every Klavern in the State for the purpose of re-issuing these charters under a new number. [redacted] advised this is being done for the reason that several duplications in unit numbers exist. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated another new innovation is the establishment of a "Grievance Committee". [redacted] advised SHELTON stated the duties of this committee would involve the investigation of complaints of Klan members and render a decision pertaining to those complaints. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated the decisions of this committee would be final. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated that money is desperately needed for legal fees in the contempt trials that are coming up. [redacted] advised that SHELTON stated there is an injunction being set by the Klan in the State of New Jersey to prevent the enactment of a law preventing meetings of the Klan. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated the Anti-Defamation League is receiving membership lists of the Klan organization from the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and that the ADL is using this information to harass members of the Klan by sending cartoons printed on pink postal cards to these members, and by harassing them in other ways. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated he is going to instigate a personal law suit against the ADL, thereby forcing it to reveal publicly its source of information.

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[redacted] advised a press conference was held at 3:00 P.M., at Klan Building, 232 SW 30th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, was interviewed by numerous representatives of the press, television, and radio at this conference. [redacted] advised that SHELTON announced, at this press conference, that the UKA rallies would be held this summer at the following South Florida cities:

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South Miami  
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Big Coppitt Key  
Pompano Beach  
West Palm Beach  
Jupiter Beach

[redacted] advised ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a Klan rally held on June 5, 1966, at the Oakland Park, in the vicinity of NW 9th Avenue and 38th Street, Oakland Park, Florida. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated the UKA is not part of the old KKK, and stated that that organization is a separate organization. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated the UKA is a respectable organization, dedicated to the fight against Communism. [redacted] advised SHELTON was critical of the President of the United States LYNDON B. JOHNSON, United States Attorney General NICHOLAS KATZENBACH, and general drift toward socialism in the United States. [redacted] advised SHELTON traced the history of Communism in the United States and stated it is obvious that the Civil Rights Movement is nothing more than a move on the part of the Communist Party to take over the United States. [redacted] advised SHELTON excused himself early at this rally in order to go to Miami, Florida, to fulfill a TV commitment.

[redacted] advised SHELTON appeared on a TV program at 6:00 P.M., Channel 7, WCKT-TV, Miami, Florida, called the "Florida Forum", and answered questions asked of him by a panel of newsmen.

[redacted] advised ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a state meeting of the UKA held at the Klan Hall in Linden, Alabama, on Highways 69 and 43.

[redacted] advised ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a public rally of the UKA, that was held on Highway 70 between Salisbury and Statesville, North Carolina. [redacted]

[redacted] advised other speakers at

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this rally were SYBIL JONES, JIM STIKELEATHER, GEORGE DORSETT, J. R. JONES, Grand Dragon for the State of North Carolina.

advised ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, attended a rally of the UKA held at Prattville, Alabama. [redacted] advised the main speakers were ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and Rev. JAMES H. SPEARS, Grand Dragon, for the State of Alabama. 

advised ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, attended a rally of the UKA in Overton Park, Memphis, Tennessee. [redacted] advised SHELTON was the featured speaker. [redacted]

Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON gave the main speech and spoke on the history of Communism and brought the history of Communism up to the present day. [ ] advised SHELTON made a blistering attack on the JOHNSON administration and particularly on the Attorney General NICHOLAS KATZENBACH. [ ] advised SHELTON, in his remarks however, had high praise for JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the FBI. b2 b7C b7D

advised approximately 50 Klansmen, members of the UKA, gathered at the Blount County Court House, Maryville, Tennessee, and stated many of those Klansmen present were members of Klavern #1, UKA, Maryville, Tennessee. [redacted] advised ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard. [redacted] b2

this group was charged by [redacted] advised b7D concerning the march on the Highlander Research and Education Center in nearby Knoxville, Tennessee.

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ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, attended a scheduled rally of the UKA on the grounds of the Blount County Court House, Maryville, Tennessee. [redacted] advised SHELTON gave his usual talk on the history of Communism and directed remarks against the civil rights demonstrations. [redacted] advised at the conclusion of his speech, SHELTON pointed out known Communists who were connected with the Highlander Research and Education Center.

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[redacted] advised a rally of the UKA was held in a field near Sebrell, Virginia, on Highway 35, three miles north of Sebrell. [redacted] advised that in addition to a rally, the UKA performed the first Klan wedding in Virginia. [redacted] advised the following individuals were present:

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[redacted] advised SHELTON was the featured speaker at this rally. b2  
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[redacted] advised ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, attended a public rally of the UKA for the State of Louisiana at Bastrop, Louisiana.

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North Carolina. [redacted] advised SHELTON gave a report on the financial situation of the UKA in the State of North Carolina. [redacted] stated SHELTON advised it had taken him 40 hours to prepare

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his report, and further stated the UKA in the State of North Carolina had \$3,000 in the general Klan fund; \$6,000 in the Widows' Benevolent Funds; and \$1,000 in a car fund.

[redacted] advised ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, Inc., attended a UKA rally at Campti, Louisiana, and was a featured speaker at this rally. [redacted] advised [redacted]

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[redacted] advised ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, was the featured speaker at a rally of the UKA held on the VFW grounds located outside of Bastrop, Louisiana. [redacted] advised SHELTON talked for about one hour, criticizing everyone from ELEANOR ROOSEVELT to President JOHNSON, in regard to their liberal policies.

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[redacted] advised ROBERT M. SHELTON attended a rally of the UKA in Overton Park, Memphis, Tennessee. [redacted] advised Imperial Wizard SHELTON made his usual long, rambling speech on his theme of Communism and the Civil Rights Movement.

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advised ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, attended a rally of the UKA held at the Municipal Auditorium at Raleigh, North Carolina. [REDACTED] to b2

this rally and stated most of all the Klansmen known in North Carolina of any significance were in attendance at this meeting.

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[REDACTED] advised that on August 20 and 21, 1966, ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, was a featured speaker at rallies of the UKA held at Bonifay, Florida, and Chipley, Florida. [REDACTED]

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advised ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, was the featured speaker at a cross burning and public rally that was held on Highway 138 east of Monroe, Georgia. [redacted] advised SHELTON gave his usual talk on Communism and criticized the fact the Communists were using the Negroes to gain a foothold in this country. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated as long as the white man and the Negro were fighting each other and did not trust each other, this gave the Communists the opportunity to do other things unnoticed. [redacted] advised SHELTON stated every civil right law that has been passed, has been aimed at the eleven Southern states.

[redacted]  
[redacted] advised ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, attended a rally of the UKA on the evening of September 3, 1966, at Flint, Alabama. [redacted] advised SHELTON was the main speaker

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APPENDIX

UNITED KLAN OF AMERICA, INC.,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.)

Second source advised that at a meeting in Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Third source advised on May 25, 1966, that the UKA is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization and was elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966, the national office was moved from Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the carport of SHELTON's residence, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, which space he had converted into a room.

APPENDIX

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONIn Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.Birmingham, Alabama  
September 29, 1966

Title ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Character RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference Report of SA [redacted]  
at Birmingham dated 9-29-66.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
KLAN INVESTIGATIONS  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

DATE: 9/12/66

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Wick  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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The trial of Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., began today in Federal District Court before Judge John J. Sirica. The jury was impaneled and sworn and consists of four Negroes and ten Caucasians. Shelton is charged with Contempt of Congress.

The trial will continue tomorrow with the opening statements by the prosecution and defense.

We are following this matter closely through established sources and will keep you advised.

ACTION:

None. For information. ✓

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
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My memorandum 9/12/66 advised that the trial of Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., on the charge of Contempt of Congress began in Federal District Court, Washington, D. C., on 9/12/66. This is to advise of the progress of today's proceedings.

Judge John J. Sirica denied defense motions to produce records of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Committee staff members, including Donald Appell, testified concerning their subpoena of Klan records and the refusal of Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton to produce them before the Committee.

It appears at this point that there will be no additional testimony and tomorrow the defense and prosecution will give concluding arguments and the case will then be given to the jury.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Wick

DATE: 10/14/66

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FROM :  b7C

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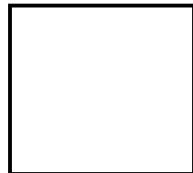
Today Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was sentenced in Federal District Court, Washington, D. C., to one year in jail and was fined \$1,000.

Shelton was allowed free on bond pending an appeal.

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RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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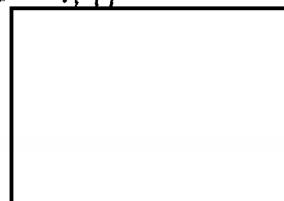
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(SHELTON)

WASHINGTON--ROBERT M. SHELTON, IMPERIAL WIZARD OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, TODAY WAS SLAPPED WITH THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF ONE YEAR IN JAIL AND A \$1,000 FINE FOR CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS. HE SAID HE WOULD APPEAL.

SHELTON, 36, OF TUSCALOOSA, ALA., WAS CONVICTED SEPT. 19 BY A FEDERAL COURT JURY OF REFUSING TO TURN OVER SUBPOENAED KLAN DOCUMENTS TO A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES. HIS LAWYER, LESTER V. CHALMERS, ASKED U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE JOHN

J. SIRICA TO IMPOSE A FINE ONLY.

"IN MY OPINION, MR. SHELTON IS NOT A CRIMINAL," CHALMERS SAID.

"I DON'T THINK HE COULD EVER COMMIT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE."

SIRICA READ PORTIONS OF A PROBATION OFFICER'S REPORT ON AN

INTERVIEW WITH SHELTON, THEN IMPOSED THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE.

IN THE REPORT THE PROBATION OFFICER SAID SHELTON TOLD HIM HE WAS CONVICTED BECAUSE MEMBERS OF THE JURY--SIX NEGROES AND SIX WHITES--WERE PREJUDICED AGAINST HIM.

HE ALSO SAID HE WAS A VICTIM OF POLITICAL EXPEDIENCE.

THE REPORT ALSO QUOTED SHELTON AS SAYING, HE DID NOT WANT TO BE PUT ON PROBATION BECAUSE HE FEARED PROBATION PROVISIONS WOULD RESTRICT HIS MOVEMENTS.

CHALMERS TOLD THE JUDGE SHELTON DID NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND PROBATION WHEN HE MADE THE REMARKS AND WAS ANXIOUS TO BE PLACED ON PROBATION.

AFTER SENTENCING, SHELTON SAID "I AIN'T GOT TIME TO BE UP HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE." HE SAID HE WAS RETURNING TO ALABAMA IMMEDIATELY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Jackson (157-2617)

Date: October 17, 1966

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Re: ROBERT M. SHELTON  
RM (KLAN)

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Examination requested by: Jackson

Reference: Airtel 10/11/66

Examination requested: Document

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Jackson (157-2617)  
Re: ROBERT M. SHELTON  
RM (KLAN)

Date: October 17, 1966  
FBI File No.  
Lab. No. D-517748 IK

Specimens received 10/12/66

Q1 Two-page typewritten letter dated 9/28/66, bearing the signature "Robert M. Shelton"

Result of examination:

Because of the limited amount of comparable writing and the presence of some characteristics in the questioned signature that could not be explained on the basis of the available known signature, it was not definitely determined whether the signature on specimen Q1 was or was not prepared by ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, Washington, D. C., U. S. Marshal number Cr-227-66.

The typewriting on specimen Q1 was determined to have been prepared on an IBM Executive typewriter equipped with Arcadia style of type.

Specimen Q1 is returned herewith. Photographs have been retained.

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Re: ROBERT M. SHELTON  
RM (KLAN)

File # 157-552-51  
Lab. # 157-62444  
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Examination requested by: FBI, Jackson (157-2617) Airtel 10/11/66

Examination requested: Document Date received: 10/12/66

Result of Examination: Examination by: [redacted] b7C 10/12/66

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- 2 - Test on Q. did & found them prep'd on an IBM Educator which is equipped with an acodias style type.
- 3 - Return Q. - Keep photo.

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Two-page typewritten letter dated 9/28/66, bearing the signature "Robert M. Shelton"

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(Priority)TO : DIRECTOR, FBI,  
DOCUMENT SECTION, FBI LABORATORY  
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-2617) (P)ROBERT M. SHELTON  
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Enclosed for examination is a letter containing  
the original signature of ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard,  
United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), over the seal of the  
UKA.This letter, received by [redacted] must be b7D  
returned to the Jackson Division immediately upon conclusion  
of whatever examination deemed necessary by the Bureau.[redacted] advised that he has not  
before seen this signature on any material [redacted]

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **ROBERT M. SHELTON  
RM (KLAN)**

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Examination requested by: **FBI, Jackson (157-1617)**

Airtel **10/11/68**

Examination requested:

**Document**

Date received: **10/12/68**

Result of Examination:

Examination by:  b7C

Specimens submitted for examination

**Q1 Two-page typewritten letter dated 8/28/68, bearing the  
signature "Robert M. Shelton"**

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-2617)  
ROBERT M. SHELTON  
RM (KLAN)

Enclosed for the Bureau for examination is a letter containing the original signature of ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, over the seal of the UKA.

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SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY

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Main File No: 157-552  
See Also: 9-44798  
44-31050  
173-170  
173-482  
174-66

Date: 12/19/66

Subject: Robert Marvin Shelton

Date Searched: 3/8/66

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as set out on page 2:

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed. All references under the names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION. IT IS DESIGNED TO FURNISH A SYNOPSIS OF THE INFORMATION SET OUT IN EACH REFERENCE, AND IN MANY CASES THE ORIGINAL SERIAL WILL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION IN MORE DETAIL.

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SUMMARY

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Robert Sheldon ✓  
Robert M. Sheldon ✓  
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Bobby Sheldon ✓

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Robert Sheldon ✓  
Robert G. Shelton ✓  
Robert H. Shelton ✓  
Robert L. Shelton ✓  
Robert M. Shelton ✓  
Robert N. Shelton ✓  
Robert S. Shelton ✓  
Robert W. Shelton ✓

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ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Robert Marvin Shelton can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary.

KKK.....Ku Klux Klan

KKKK.....Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

Klan.....Ku Klux Klan

NKKKK.....National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

OKKKK.....Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

PD.....Police Department

UKA.....United Klans of America

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UKA, Inc.....United Klans of America, Incorporated  
WDC.....Washington, DC  
WKKKKOM.....White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan  
of Mississippi

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[redacted] advised that Robert M. Shelton took b2  
over as Imperial Wizard of UKA on 5/20/61. b7D

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The following references in the file captioned "Unknown Subjects; Bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63," set out information regarding Robert Shelton. The information showed the association of Shelton with such suspects as Robert E. Chambliss, Thomas Blanton, Jr. and others. Various informants advised that Shelton allegedly ordered the bombing and that he allegedly attempted to place the blame on certain individuals.

REFERENCE

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During the investigation conducted in the case captioned b7C  
"Unsub: Bombing of Residence of [redacted] b7C  
[redacted] 9/4/63," the following information regarding Robert b2  
Shelton was obtained.

[redacted] b7D

[redacted] b2  
[redacted] b7D

[redacted] advised that on 9/4/63, Shelton addressed b7C  
an open Klan rally on Bessemer Road (no further location given.) b7C

[redacted] advised that she knew Shelton and that on  
9/29/63, he was at the Alabama Highway Patrol Office questioning in-  
dividuals they were bringing in. b7C

157-998-161 p.4,30,33,47  
(24,64)

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] b2

157-1108-3  
(24)

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Robert M. Shelton addressed a public rally of the Alabama States Rights Party (ASRP) (157-931) on 8/5/63.

[redacted] it was announced that the KKK was planning a meeting near the Wetumpka River Bridge at an unrecalled date. Shelton and an unnamed Baptist minister from Birmingham were to address this Klan rally. b7D

[redacted] PROB b2  
157-931-9 p.3,5  
(64) b7D

"The Houston Chronicle" for 2/21/65 carried an article captioned "The Men Behind the Current KKK Movement in Houston" which set out information pertaining to Jerald Thomas Walraven (157-2458). The article pointed out that Walraven was living in Houston in September, 1964, when several Houstonians wrote to Robert Shelton, asking if a Houston Klan existed and if not, they wanted to know how to go about starting one.

157-2458-2  
(27)

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157-2970-1  
(28)

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and that Robert Shelton was acting both as Grand Dragon and Imperial Wizard.

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[redacted] Shelton was in the tire business in Birmingham and that Shelton, as Imperial Officer of the UKA had authority in several Southern states including Alabama. [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he had no knowledge that Shelton was responsible for the b7C bombings in the Birmingham area or whether Shelton was acquainted with b7D the use of dynamite.

Former [redacted] advised [redacted] no longer b2 associated with the Klan or Robert Shelton. b7D

[redacted] b7C whatever Shelton directed him to do after Shelton received orders from b2 Governor Wallace.\*

157-1129-3 p.7,10-13,28  
(24,50)

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\*Governor of Alabama

[redacted] b7C  
[redacted] b7D

On 6/7/65, [redacted]

[redacted] (protect identity) advised that [redacted] a [redacted] often praised the KKK and Shelton.

On 9/7/65, [redacted] advised that after he was interviewed by Special Agents of the Bureau, he destroyed all correspondence pertaining to the Klan and remembered no communication from Shelton. b7C

105-143552-3 p.1,4,5  
(36)  
SI 157-7-224  
(39)  
SI to par. 3  
61-7582-5777  
(35)

[redacted] b7C  
[redacted] (protect identity) advised b7D that on 9/30/62, Robert Shelton reportedly stopped at the Esso Service

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[redacted] b7C

[redacted] b7D

[redacted] b2

[redacted] b7D

On 12/13/64, [redacted] (protect identity) advised that Shelton was head of the Klan in Alabama and [redacted] b7D  
[redacted] b7C

157-3677-1  
(30)

The 1/29/65, issue of the "Sun-Journal," New Bern, N.C. carried an article regarding the arrest of Raymond Duguid Mills (157-3700) and two other individuals in connection with three explosions at New Bern on 1/24/65.

On 1/30/65, the above mentioned newspaper stated that Robert Shelton, who said he did not know Mills personally, would fully investigate the arrests of Mills and the other two individuals.

157-3700-2  
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On 2/5/65, [redacted] (protect identity) advised [redacted]

[redacted] also said that Shelton's outfit would financially aid the defendants in the civil rights case, and the organization would expect nothing in return for its help. b7D b7C

157-2214-2 p.10  
(26)

[Redacted]

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157-9-49-10  
(8)  
SI 157-1307-4  
(24)

On 3/19/65, Robert M. Shelton met with [Redacted] of the Alabama Highway Patrol and Alabama Governor George Wallace at Montgomery, Ala. Shelton agreed to keep the Klansmen from interfering with the Selma, Ala. to Montgomery march by civil rights groups. b7C

On 3/20/65, Shelton succeeded in cancelling a scheduled motorcade to Selma and substituted a Klan rally and march in Montgomery. Shelton also cancelled his personal attendance at a State Klan Rally at Alexandria, La. on 3/20-21/65.

[Redacted] The motorcade drove slowly through downtown Montgomery, then out of town on the highway toward Birmingham, where the group disbanded.

[Redacted]  
44-12831-688 b2  
(35)  
SI 44-28544-278 b7C  
(2)  
SI 44-28544-374 p.27,35,36, b7D  
(Add.info.; fisur;

[Redacted]  
(2,63)  
SI to par. 3  
44-28544-3 (No source given)  
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The following references in the file captioned, "Bombing Devices Found at Birmingham, Alabama, March 21-22, 1965, and April 1, 1965" (174-35) set out information regarding Robert M. Shelton. The b7D information sets [redacted]

[redacted] various informants furnished information which indicated that Shelton had issued instructions regarding the purchase of dynamite. Interviews of possible suspects showed their opinions of Shelton as Klan leader.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER	
174-35-205 p.177	(53)	
-382 p.100,266 (Interview of Shelton, 4/12/65)	{33,53}	
-737 p.62-64,163,173,187	(33)	
-796 p.52,79	{33,61}	
-845 p.33	(33)	
-1077 p.P,2,63,74,144,157, 165,175,197,215-217, 221,224,225,230,231	{33,53,65}	b2
-1098 p.21	(33)	b7C
		b7D

157-1217-5  
(50)

[redacted] advised that at the National Meeting of the NKKKK b2 held at Tucker, Ga. on 4/11/65, a motion was made and passed that a committee be appointed to contact Robert Shelton, to determine his plan b7D and intentions, and to advise him of what he had been doing wrong. They also intended to see if he would join in and cooperate with the NKKKK.

157-470-29 p.4,6  
(23)

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157-1552-165  
(25)

On 11/22/65, the "Reading Eagle," Reading, Pa. carried an article regarding the Klan hearings in WDC, and the beating of Roy E. Frankhouser, Jr. (97-4262) in Reading on 4/28/65. The article stated that Frankhouser declined to comment on his reported Klan affiliation and referred the newspaper reporter to Robert Shelton. Frankhouser reportedly said he did not consider Shelton in the same category as Rockwell of the American Nazi Party and "If you'd talk to him, you'd understand that. You can tell when a man is great."

97-4262-22  
(3)

The following references in the file captioned [redacted]  
et al; [redacted] et al - Victims - Civil Rights" set out information  
regarding Robert Shelton. [redacted]

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[redacted] on 5/8/65, Shelton testified for the defense during the trial in the captioned case.

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REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
44-28601-237	(2)
-325	(2)
-552	(2)

The following references in the file captioned "Counterintelligence Program - Disruption of Hate Groups" (157-9) set out information regarding the sources of income for Robert M. Shelton. These references show the results of investigation by the Memphis and Birmingham Offices to determine if Shelton's Klan salary was being concealed by using the names of various firms and individuals as his employers. There was no indication of such concealment.

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REFERENCE

157-9-4-22  
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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

(39,54)  
(39)

On 6/24/65, [REDACTED] (who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information) (protect identity) advised [REDACTED]

Shelton in Tuscaloosa, Ala. [REDACTED]

Robert M.

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The above source further advised that "about three weekends ago, Robert M. Shelton, and some of his unknown associates came to [REDACTED]

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157-3474-6  
(52)

Correlator's Note: According to serial 6X of this file, the above source admitted that the information set out in paragraph 2 above was false.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] planned to write a book about Klan activities and was going to spend some time traveling with Shelton.

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157-4552-1  
(53)

[REDACTED]

157-2859-9  
(28)

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[redacted] furnished a copy of a letter announcing a public rally (Association of South Carolina Klans, KKKK, 105-38068) to be held near Williamston, S.C. on 6/19/65. The letter stated in part, "....you know we are not associated in any way with the United Klans of America, Robert Shelton....in fact we do not recognize the United Klan...."

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105-38068-611 p.8,9  
(37)

[redacted] (157-3885).

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[redacted] identified [redacted] of the UKA.

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157-3885-1

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[redacted], b2

[redacted] b7D

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157-2806-3 p.8

(27)

SI 157-3373-2

(29)

[redacted] that Robert M. Shelton attended a Klan rally at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 7/2-5/65. Shelton advised those present that only the Klan counsel, [redacted] Alabama Governor George Wallace and himself would be called upon to testify before the HCUA (61-7582).

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61-7582-5794  
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[redacted] that [redacted] b2  
of Montgomery, Ala., was a close associate of Robert Shelton. b7C

[redacted] Robert Shelton spoke at the UKA sponsored public rally at Montgomery on 7/8/65. [redacted] b7D

157-3262-3  
(29,527)

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Jackson Airtel, 7/8/65. b2

61-7582-5778  
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[redacted] advised that Robert Shelton and [redacted] b2  
[redacted] participated in a State b7C  
rally of the UKA at Columbia, S.C. on 6/19/65. b7C

[redacted] reported that [redacted] advised the public b2  
rally of the UKA at Spartanburg, S.C., 7/10/65, that Shelton was unable b7D  
to be there because his plane had been grounded in Mississippi.

157-1530-16  
(257)

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[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] advised that Shelton was the main speaker at the UKA  
rally, held 7/22/65 at Greenville, Miss.

[redacted]

157-2913-4 p.10,11,13,14

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157-2318-3

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157-92-351 p.2

(8)

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[redacted]

157-1684-6

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105-65374-371 p.15

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associated with Robert Shelton, in arranging klan rallies and cross-burnings. b7C  
(No source).

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Robert Shelton was scheduled to address a Klan rally to be held somewhere in El Dorado, Ark. on 8/13/65. [redacted] b7D  
[redacted] protect identity)

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157-1476-4 p.2-4,7-10

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155 2551 3

157-3771-1 p.10 (date of rally, 6/16/65)  
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b7C (not further identified) and Robert Shelton

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157-4552-6  
(32)

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157-2977-2  
(28)

Noted were two pictures of Robert Shelton with a group attending the funeral of Matt Murphy, Attorney.

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105-66233-1581  
(4)

that Robert Shelton was probably trying to form the UKA into a group of economical boycotters.

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140-30235-7  
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[redacted] Southern Bell  
Telephone and Telegraph Company, Monroe, La., on 8/23/65, furnished a note which had been recovered from the Night Depository on that date. b7C  
The note, set out in full, carried a threat to the life of Robert Sheldon. Presumably Sheldon was identical to Robert Shelton.

A Bureau Laboratory examination was conducted without effecting an identification.

157-3879-3  
(30)  
SI 157-3879-1  
(30)

[redacted] who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information, (protect identity) advised that on 8/24/65, b7C  
[redacted] b7D

157-4496-1  
(not indexed)

This reference carries out the corrective action for the above information, which the informant admitted was false.

157-4496-3  
(53)

[redacted] reported that the reorganized Orange County Citizens Council (157-4635) was scheduled to hold a rally at Orlando, Fla. on 8/24/65. [redacted] announcer, radio station WKIS, Orlando, stated that he understood that Robert Shelton was to appear at this rally, a matter which [redacted] considered unlikely. b2

157-4635-6  
(32)

On 11/2/65, [redacted] (157-4367) voluntarily appeared at the Houston Office and advised of the discord in the Klan organization in that area. [redacted] stated he joined the Klan after reading the b7C

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publication "Sex and Civil Rights - The True Selma Story" which had been autographed to him by Robert M. Shelton. [redacted] continued that b7C Shelton came to Houston in September 1965 and made several appointments in an effort to unify the rival factions. Tex S

157-4367-3 p.1,5,6,8,10

(52)

SI 157-4532-5 p.16

(53)

On 9/2/65, [redacted] advised he was a member of the UKA and believed that Robert Shelton was the best qualified individual to lead a national and even an international Klan organization. b7C

157-4184-1 p.16

(31)

SI 157-4517-1 p.94

(32)

[redacted] (157-4198) has associated with Robert Shelton and other known Klan leaders. (Source not given). b7C

[redacted] b2

[redacted] b7D

[redacted] b7C

[redacted] advised that Shelton spoke at a joint UKA and National States Rights Party (NSRP) held at Anniston, Ala. on 5/9/65. b2

[redacted] advised that Blanton attended a Klan rally in Tarrant City near Birmingham on 9/4/65. Shelton was the speaker. b7D

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157-4198-1 p.6,8-10,14

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[redacted] of the UKA and approximately ten pickets were observed in the vicinity of Bessemer (Ala.) High School b7C on 9/7/65.

[redacted] Bessemer PD, Bessemer, Ala., advised that while talking with [redacted] said he was going to have a conference with his attorney and Robert Shelton. [redacted] later told him on 9/7/65 that b7C they had decided to give up picketing and would take further action through the courts.

173-1613-17  
(33)

On 9/8/65, [redacted] Mobile, Ala. advised that an individual giving the name of [redacted] (157-4583) contacted him regarding the organization of a Klan in the Nev. area. [redacted] advised [redacted] that he had the wrong Shelton, he wanted Robert W. Shelton in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

157-4583-1  
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[redacted]

157-4298-3  
(31)

The following references set out information regarding the activities of Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, in connection with the Klan and related organizations. The information showed his attendance at Klan rallies, meetings of Klan Klaverns and special meetings with Klan officials. At many of the rallies, Shelton was the principal speaker or shared the speaker's platform with another speaker; at other meetings and rallies, it was announced that Shelton was scheduled or committed to speak at a future date.

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DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF MEETING	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
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Attendance

			(4)
			157-3092-1 p.18 (51)
August, 1964	Farmville, La.	Rally	157-2818-1 (51) 157-2622-3 p.3 (51)
			157-1532-3 (25) 157-2492-2 (27)
			157-1637-2 (25)
7/10/65	Suqualena, Miss.	Rally	157-2210-3 (26)
7/11/65	Landrum, <u>S.C.</u>	Public rally and special meeting	157-3088-2 (28)
8/12/65	Brandon, Miss.	Rally	157-2856-3 (28) 157-2761-2 p.14 (27)
			157-2385-3* (27)

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\*Additional Info.

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DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF MEETING	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
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Attendance

9/17/65	Crockett, Tex.	State-wide Rally	157-4494-3 p.7 (31)
			157-4921-1 (33)
			157-4909-1 (32)
			157-4908-1 (32)

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Speaker and Participation

9/3/62	Albany, Ga.	Rally	157-3092-1 p.12,13,15
10/13/62	Bessemer, Ala.		(51)
7/20/63	Savannah, Ga.		

157-3464-1  
(29,52)

157-1729-3  
(51)

157-3467-1  
(29,52)

157-3769-2 p.31  
(30)

157-2563-3 p.4-6,8\*  
(27)

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\*Additional info.

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DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF MEETING	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
<u>Speaker and Participation</u>			
			157-3048-1 p.10 (28)
			157-2806-1 (27)
Fall, 1964	Jonesboro, La.	No description	157-2528-3 (27)
11/18/64		Rally	157-2806-1 (27)
			157-3092-1 p.15 (51)
Not stated (September, 1963 - February, 1965)	New Orleans, La.	No description	157-2889-2 (28)
			44-18651-35 (27)
			157-1552-172 (25)
			105-71801-410 p.79-80 (4)
			157-2698-3 p.5 (27)
			157-2710-3 (27)
			157-4858-1* (32)
June, 1965 (approx.)	Bogalusa, Ala.	Rally	44-29287-221 p.137 (3)
			157-4072-1 (30)

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\*Additional info.

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DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF MEETING	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
<u>Speaker and Participation</u>			
7/8/65	Montgomery, Ala.	Rally	157-1729-3 (51)
7/9/65	Kingstree, S.C.		157-1530-18 (25)
8/14/65	Brownsville, <u>Tenn.</u>	Open rally	157-4326-2 (31)
8/21/65	Salisbury, <u>N.C.</u>	Public rally	157-825-16 (24)
8/28/65	Wayne County, Miss. (US Highway 84 and Strength- ford Road)	Rally	157-3126-2 (29) 157-2856-3 (28)
			157-4738-1 (32) 157-3373-3* (29)
9/11/65	Spearsville, La.	Rally	157-3373-3* (29) 157-4849-1 (32)
9/12/65	Monroe, La.	Crossburning rally-meeting	157-4862-1 (32) 157-4394-1 (31)
9/14/65	Highway 90 be- tween Sulpher and Lake Charles, La.	Rally	157-4304-1 (31)

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\*Additional info.

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DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF MEETING	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
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Speaker and Participation

7/22/65 Not stated (Probably early August)	Greenville, Miss. Jackson, Miss.	Public rally Rally	157-2156-9 (26,51)
10/30/65	Natchez, Miss.	Rally	

Potential Attendance and Speaker

12/5/64	Junction City, Ark.	Rally	157-2563-3 p.4-6,8* (27)
8/11/65	Bay St. Louis, Miss.	Conservatives of Miss., Inc., rally	157-3807-1 (30)
8/13/65	El Dorado, Ark.	Rally	105-71801-390 (4) 157-4815-1 (32)

\*Add. info.

In September and October, 1965, [redacted]

[redacted] (protect)

[redacted] identity)

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157-1711-30

(26)

SI 157-4567-2 p.10

(32)

A bulletin issued by the Office of the Grand Dragon of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan (UFKKK) stated that [redacted] (157-1271) would no longer be treated as a member of the UKKK since he had joined with Robert Shelton. [redacted]

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On 10/3/65, [redacted] (157-4365) advised he was b7C not a member of the UKA, but did know Robert Shelton.

157-4365-1

(31)

On 10/5/65, [redacted] United States Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (IOUSK) (157-1609) stated he had "no use" for Bobby Shelton. [redacted] further advised that Shelton and his group were not members of the national organization; characterized Shelton as a crook and thief and discussed group initiations and dues. b7C

157-1609-21 p.5-7  
(64)

On 10/12/65 [redacted]

to Robert M. Shelton. [redacted] y b7C declined to identify any other individuals connected with the UKA.

157-3030-5  
(36)

[redacted] in October, 1965, advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] (157-1656) had stated that Robert M. Shelton was not a desirable  
person to be the Imperial Wizard of the UKA because he was in the Klan  
only for the money he could get out of it. [redacted] b2

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] b2  
[redacted] b7D  
[redacted] b7C

157-1656-4  
(50)

[redacted] advised that [redacted] b2  
[redacted] (157-3792) attended a speech made by Robert Shelton at Bastrop,  
La. on 9/10/65. b7D

[redacted] Birmingham [redacted] (not further identified) advised that [redacted] b2  
who was going to write a book on Shelton and the UKA, was in  
Tuscaloosa, Ala. on 10/11/65 with Shelton. b7C

[redacted] b7D  
[redacted] b2  
[redacted] b7C  
[redacted] b7D

157-3792-2 p.4,6  
(30)

On 7/7/65, [redacted] Potential PRT (protect identity)  
[redacted] advised that [redacted] if not suc- b7C  
cessful, he would affiliate with Robert Shelton and the UKA. b7D

[redacted] b2  
[redacted] b7D

The 9/21/65 edition of "The Columbus Dispatch," (Columbus,  
Ohio) and the 9/24/65 edition of "The Daily Jeffersonian" (Cambridge,  
Ohio) announced that Shelton would attend and speak at the UKA rally to  
be held near Cambridge on 9/24-26/65. b7D

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[redacted], Shelton spoke once at the above rally, but refused to make additional speeches, expressing disgust with the way Harvey organized the rally.

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157-2327-8  
(26)

\*Believed to refer to the National Knights of the KKK of Ohio.

On 10/17/65, [redacted] Mo., corresponded with the Bureau and enclosed a newspaper clipping captioned "Units Reported in City, County." The article stated that the NKKKK was operating in the St. Louis, Mo. area and set out Robert M. Shelton's statement regarding admission of Catholics into the UKA.

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Photostat of clipping enclosed  
157-168-458  
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105-70374-4153 p.7  
(35)

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105-88521-147  
(35)  
SI 105-88521-146  
(35)

The following references in the file captioned "National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan" (NKKKK) set out information regarding Robert Shelton. In 1965, leaders of the NKKKK proposed to contact Shelton about joining forces with and cooperating with the NKKKK. In late 1965, Shelton reportedly was interested in the Shreveport (La.) Klan group and various rallies in Louisiana were planned or held with Shelton meeting with Klan leaders.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-168-339 -388 p.8 -458 -510 p.4,5,10	(87) (87) (407) (87)

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61-7582-5841  
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The informant of the Atlanta Office who was allegedly in on the meeting between Shelton and [redacted] advised that no such meeting took place. b7C

62-109060-4078  
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[redacted]  
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[redacted] also advised that he intended to testify before the HCUA regarding Klan contributions to Shelton. [redacted] mentioned certain sums turned over to Shelton by Klan officials.

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157-4292-7 p.8,16,21,26  
(31)  
SI 157-4292-X5  
(19,31)

[redacted] advised that [redacted] leader of the UKA, had been the principal speaker, in the absence of Robert Shelton, at a Klan memorial service held at Rising Sun, Md., on 11/7/65.

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157-3323-13  
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157-3837-5  
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157-4190-6 p.10  
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The following references in the file captioned "Acquisition of Weapons and Explosives by Klan and Klan-Type Groups" (157-2121) set out information regarding Robert M. Shelton. On 9/5/64, Shelton was re-elected Imperial Wizard of the UKA, whose National Office was at Tuscaloosa, Ala. In August 1965, an informant who had furnished both reliable and unreliable information, advised of a large munitions buildup, believed to have originated with Shelton. In December, 1965, [redacted] advised of the arms owned and carried by Shelton. Other information showed the dates and locations of meetings and rallies attended by Shelton.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

157-2121-125 p.6  
-159  
-190 p.8  
-196 p.1  
-211 p.3,4  
-224 p.6  
-286 p.1

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Photostats of above mentioned  
testimony enclosed  
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157-1181-3 p.2,3,7 b2  
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157-3749-9 p.3,10  
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A newspaper clipping captioned "Klan Head Says He Is Giving To Local Fund" stated that at a news conference in WDC, (date not stated) Robert M. Shelton stated he was contributing toward a reward fund set up to locate persons who dynamited four Negro homes in Charlotte, N.C., in November, 1965.

174-223-A, "Charlotte Observer," 12/17/65  
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On 12/3/65 Robert M. Shelton, [redacted], stated he had no knowledge as to who might be responsible for the bombings in Charlotte, N.C. on 11/22/65 and stated he was convinced that no Klansmen were responsible for the in- b7C incident.

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vised that on 12/17/65 he was contacted by an unknown white woman who asked if he had seen the morning paper which carried an account of b7C Shelton offering \$1,000 to the reward fund in connection with the bombings in Charlotte.

174-223-74 p.31,417  
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for the rally and cross burning in the Bear, Delaware area on 7/31/65,  
at which Robert Shelton was the principal speaker. [redacted]

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157-4372-2 p.2-8

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Shelton presided over a news conference in his hotel room in WDC on 11/9/65, at which time Scoggins was introduced to the reporters as a disabled veteran. ("The Spartanburg Herald," 11/10/65).

According to an article in the 1/6/66 issue of "The Spartanburg Herald," Scoggins stated he "would follow Imperial Wizard Shelton to the grave," noting he had been in the Klan for thirteen years.

157-1530-22  
(25,50)

[redacted] Radio Station WNAC, Boston, Mass., advised that Robert Shelton wanted to appear on the Haywood Vincent radio program over the above station. Shelton, who according to [redacted] b7C [redacted] was under a Federal subpoena until 1/15/66, indicated he intended to appear on the Vincent program, however, the time had not been set.

157-9-5-2  
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Information from Knoxville report, 5/10/66.

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157-1643-4  
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	157-1495-2	(25)
	157-1495-2	(25)
	157-1495-2	(25)
	157-3525-1	(36)
	157-3561-1	(52)
b7C	157-2430-3	(27)
	157-1552-171	(25)
	157-1927-10 p.14	(26)

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157-1867-6	(51)
157-2357-5	(26)
62-110634-X	(7)
157-3452-1	(52)
157-2767-2 p.8	(27)
157-3104-1 -3	(51) (51)
157-3337-2 p.6	(52)
157-1495-2	(25)

The following references in the file captioned "Hate and Klan Organizations" (157-5) set out information regarding Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA.

In late 1965 and into 1966, the HCUA conducted hearings regarding the KKK and the activities of its officials. During the hearings, Shelton was called to testify. Shelton invoked the Fifth Amendment and was cited for contempt when he refused to produce Klan records. In early 1966, Shelton held numerous press conferences, at which time he made allegations and charges against the HCUA and the Congressmen assigned to the HCUA.

Other information showed his attendance at rallies, his speeches and interviews and the general reaction of Klan members toward Shelton's conduct.

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157-5-58	{36+}
-59 encl. p.3	{36+}
-85 encl. p.325	{36+}
-107	{4+}
-114	{4+}
-120	{4+}
-124	{36+}
-129	{36+}
-132	{4+}
-134	{5+}
-140	{5+}
-151 encl. p.1056-1059,1064- 1066,1068,1069,1071-1075, 1078,1079,1091,1095,1104, 1116,1117,1128,1159,1160	{5+}
-170	{36+}
-171 encl. p.14-16,95,96,101	{5-36+}
-180 encl. p.5	{5+}
-183	{5+}
-191	{36+}
-192	{36+}
-195	{37+}
-198	{37+}
-209	{5+}
-211	{37+}
-A, "Washington Post and Times Herald," 3/31/65	{5+}
-A, "New York Post," 4/4/65	{5-63+}
-A, "New York Times," 11/2/65	{37+}
157-5-2-68 encl. p.8	{5+}
-102	{60+}
157-5-4-39 Summary 7/8/65	{54-60+}
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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters" (157-6) set out information regarding the activities of Robert M. Shelton. This file is concerned with the racial situations in major urban areas and showed Shelton's presence in many of them and the role he played in the activities of the KKK, in those areas at the time of trouble or anticipated trouble.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-6-2-1907	(7+)
157-6-4-2150	(7+)
157-6-10-664 p.7	(7+)
157-6-33-2438	(7+)
-3062	(7+)
-3156	(7+)
-3200	(7+)
157-6-45-489	(39+)
157-6-56-381	(39+)
157-6-61-810	(7+)
157-6-64-1188 encl. p.3	(7+)

The following references in the file captioned "United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan" (157-370) set out information regarding the activities of Robert M. Shelton. Shelton the Imperial Wizard, traveled to many localities, speaking at Klan rallies and cross burnings. As the highest ranking officer, he met with various Klan officials and held private meetings of various Klan groups, organizing and making policies governing individual members and groups.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-370-825	(40+)
-849	(8+)
-856	(40+)
-A, "New York Times," 4/20/65 (card dated 7/26/65)	(40+)

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157-370-A, "The Evening Star," 12/17/65	(40+)
157-370-2-268 p.1	{40+}
-274	{40+}
-280	{9+}
-286	{9+}
-289	{40+}
-291	{56+}
-292	{40+}
-298 p.1, 9, 22, 23	{41+}
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-356	{9+}
-363 encl. p.4-6	{9+}
-372	{10+}
-373	{57+}
-376	{10+}
-377	{10+}
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-278 p.6	{ 11, 43 }
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-315 p.11	{ 43 }
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-341	{ 11, 44 }
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-402	(12)	
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-475	(44)	
-511	(12)	
-512	(12)	
-556	p.11, 21, 27-29, 69, 86, 194, 221, 222, 230, 237, 239, 244	(13)
-562	(13)	
-584	(13)	
-588	(13)	
-593	(13)	
-637	(44)	
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-689	p.2, 3, 5, 7	(44)
-696	p.2, 3, 5, 7	(61)
-751	p.4, 7	(13)
-754	(13)	
-796	(13)	
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157-370-23-1	{45}
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157-370-25-7 -8 -9 -16 p.1,4,8,17,25,33,53	(15) (16) (16) (16)
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157-370-29-9 -17 -26 -28 -34 p.3 -48 -57 -62 p.4 -64 -87X p.3 -94	(69) (16) (46) (16) (16,47) (68) (68) (47) (16) (40) (47)
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-28 p.6,9,12	(20)
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157-370-49-91	(20)
-101	(20)
-111	(20)
-118	(20)
-126X	(8)
-130	(47)
-142 p.4,6,7	(61)
-A, "The State," 4/4/65	(56)
157-370-53-14	(20)
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157-370-61-96 p.2,3 -102 -105 -106 -108 -124	(22) { 48 { 22 { 22 { 48 { 48
157-370-63-25 -30 -33 -35 -42 -44 -49 -52 -58 -60 p.4,7,11,19,20,22 -61 -64 -72 -80 p.3,4,19-21,25,26, 29,30,36-38	(22) { 49 { 22, 49 { 49 { 23 { 49 { 49 { 23, 49 { 49 { 23, 49 { 23 { 49 { 49 { 49 (23, 49)
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The following reference contains information of an administrative nature. There is no activity of Robert Shelton involved:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
174-48-14	(33)

The following reference on Robert M. Shelton located in the Personnel Records Unit of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division, was reviewed and found to be identical with the subject of this summary; however, the information contained therein has not been included:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
67-822-2359	(35)

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#### REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following reference on Robert Shelton located in files maintained in the General Investigative Division was not reviewed, and it is not known whether it is identical with the subject of this summary:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
44-25706-1962	(2)

The following references were not available during the time this summary was being prepared:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-7801-4-61	(35)
157-370-61-99	(48)
157-370-A, "Cincinnati Enquirer," 7/25/65	(9)

See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.

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SHELTON, in defending his position in supporting EASTLAND for re-election to other members of the Klan, stated that EASTLAND had made a definite promise of assistance to the defendants in both the MIBURN and DABURN cases and that on the basis of this SHELTON felt he was justified in supporting EASTLAND.

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Title of Case  <b>ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, aka Robert M. Shelton, Robert W. Shelton, Robert Shelton, R. M. Shelton, Bobby Shelton, Bobbie Shelton, Bob Shelton</b>		Report made by [Redacted]	Typed By: <b>b7C jbt</b>
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## SUMMARY

SUPPLEMENTAL NON-PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

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 of SHELTON through informants and sources.**

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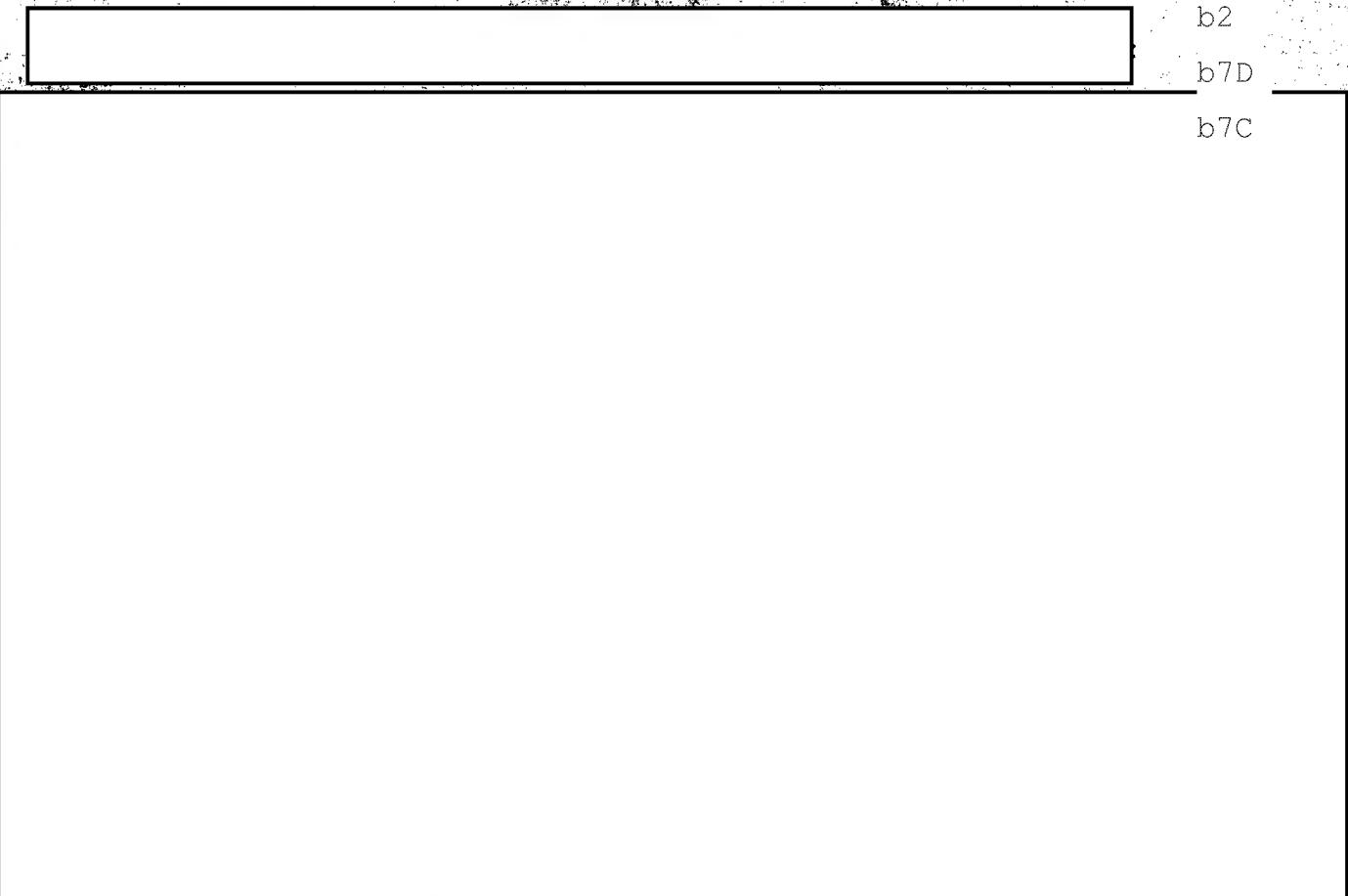
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Office: Birmingham, Alabama

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Bureau File #: 157-552

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, continues to serve as Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA). SHELTON resides at 18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, and maintains National Headquarters of the UKA in his home. Informants report activities of SHELTON in Southeastern United States. Current information regarding descriptions of automobiles in possession of SHELTON set forth.

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DETAILS:

I.

BACKGROUNDA. RESIDENCE

SHELTON resides 18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama.

B. EMPLOYMENT

United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), Imperial Wizard.

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A characterization of the UKA is set forth in the Appendix of this report.

C. AUTOMOBILES

Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, License Commissioner's Office, Tuscaloosa, b7C Alabama, advised the following automobiles are registered to ROBERT M. SHELTON, 18 Lake Sherwood Drive, Star Route, Northport, Alabama:

*Mrs. Robert Marvin Shelton*  
1962 Chrysler Imperial, four-door sedan, white in color, bearing 1967 Alabama license [redacted] Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 9123-155264. This vehicle is registered to SHELTON's [redacted]

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1965 Chrysler Crown Imperial, four-door sedan, light green in color, bearing 1967 Alabama license [redacted] License for this vehicle obtained by

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[redacted] This vehicle is equipped with a monitor radio capable of monitoring all police frequencies and telephone, No. 752-7711. Vehicle also equipped with two antennas mounted on rear trunk deck lid and a "Never" sticker located on the front bumper of this vehicle.

D. CLOSE ASSOCIATES

*Resides 18 Lake Sherwood  
Star Route, North Port, Alabama*  
ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, is known to associate closely with [redacted] Tuscaloosa, Alabama, [redacted]

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II. CONNECTIONS WITH KLAN-TYPE AND HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS

[redacted] Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted] advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON had attended a meeting at the [redacted] on [redacted]

[redacted] SHELTON advised that Klan speakers should remain silent about the FBI since it was doing more harm to the Klan than good. SHELTON also stated that Klan speakers should quiet down on "niggers" and start talking instead of the Communists and the black power movement.

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[redacted] advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a public speaking and cross burning for the Realm of Georgia, UKA, held near Monroe, Georgia, on August 17, 1966.

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On September 23, 1966, [redacted] advised that ROBERT SHELTON will be in Washington, D. C. on October 5, 1966, for sentencing in connection with his recent conviction there. He is expected to appeal his sentence at once. In view of this commitment, SHELTON will be unable to appear at Cambridge, Ohio, for the scheduled rally there on October 8, 1966.

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[redacted] advised that SHELTON appeared as a principal speaker at rallies at Aberdeen, North Carolina, on September 16, Carthage, North Carolina, September 17, and Sanford, North Carolina, September 18, 1966. The crowds at all these rallies were disappointing [redacted]

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On September 19, 1966, [redacted] advised that on September 17, 1966, a public rally was held at Carthage, North Carolina, and that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised that on the afternoon of October 2, 1966, a naturalization of Georgia Klansmen occurred about ten miles from Durham, North Carolina. Approximately 644 men and women were naturalized. It is estimated that of this number 200 were women. Following the naturalization, a public rally was held with about 2,000 people attending. ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, made a speech saying Georgia now had a real Democrat running for Governor and advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING would be sorry he is from Georgia now. SHELTON advised that he was to have been in Washington, D. C., but the trial had been put off for two weeks. The rally was covered by television. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was a featured speaker at a Klan naturalization, held in an open pasture near South Hill, Virginia, on October 1, 1966. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised that ROBERT SHELTON was a featured speaker at a Klan rally held on September 18, 1966, near Sanford, North Carolina. There were approximately 300 to 400 people present and SHELTON spoke for about one and one-half hours. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at an open-air rally held on the Ardmore Highway, Huntsville, Alabama, on October 15, 1966. Approximately 300 persons were present at this rally. This rally started at approximately 7:45 P.M. after the arrival of ROBERT SHELTON. b2 b7D

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[redacted] advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a public rally held on September 15, 1966, at Vanceboro, North Carolina. Approximately 300 individuals were present at this rally and the only speaker was ROBERT SHELTON since the remainder of the program was rained out. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a public rally held on November 3, 1966, near Plymouth, North Carolina. Approximately 300 persons attended this rally. SHELTON's speech concerned Federal intervention into states' rights, civil rights movement, and school integration. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a public rally of the UKA held on November 4, 1966, in the vicinity of Belhaven, North Carolina, with approximately 350 persons present. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a public Klan rally held on October 29, 1966. This rally was held on some property owned by [redacted] at Star City, Arkansas. ROBERT SHELTON, in his speech, attacked the Jewish race, the National administration, and said that he still is not satisfied with the way the investigation indicated JOHN KENNEDY was assassinated. He feels that there was or is something else behind the assassination. b2 b7D b7C

[redacted] advised that ROBERT SHELTON was the featured speaker at a rally sponsored by the Wilmington Klavern, UKA, on Saturday night, November 12, 1966, in a field off U. S. Highway 17, north of Wilmington, North Carolina. There were approximately 500 people in attendance and about 109 men and women in robes. b2 b7D

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out of the United States. SHELTON also alleged that the UKA was being harassed by the FBI and said that J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the FBI, no longer controls the FBI. According to SHELTON, the FBI is controlled by the U. S. Department of Justice and HOOVER no longer enjoys the power that he, for a number of years, exercised over the activities of the FBI.

SHELTON advised those in attendance to utilize the following procedure in interviews by Special Agents of the FBI. He advised that the member being interviewed, prior to admitting the agent or agents to his residence, should secure the Agent's name and his identification card and also the number appearing on the identification card. He should invite the agent or agents into his residence, and if he so desired, he may identify himself as being a UKA member; however, he should not identify other UKA members or discuss UKA activities. If after the agent or agents indicate they are desirous of continuing the interview, he, the UKA member, should bring forth a camera and take photographs of the interviewing agent or agents. Then if the agent or agents persist in continuing the interview, he should then obtain a tape recorder and inform the agent or agents that he is going to tape the interview. According to SHELTON, if the agent or agents continue to remain on the premises after the aforementioned procedures have taken place, the UKA member should then engage the agent or agents in an argument. He could do this by alleging that the agent or agents have accused him of bombing the home of a Negro. After making this allegation, the UKA member should then tell the agent or agents to leave the house and that if they do not, he is going to call the police. If the agent or agents do not leave the residence, he should then call the police, giving them the identity of the agent or agents and request that the police department arrest them. SHELTON advised that in the future all UKA members should utilize the above plan if they are contacted by Special Agents of the FBI relative to their UKA membership.

SHELTON further advised those members in attendance that it is best not to allow themselves to be interviewed by the FBI agents inasmuch as these agents are trained investigators and the UKA members being interviewed unwittingly give information during the interview without realizing that he is providing such information.

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[redacted] advised of an open Klan b2  
rally held November 19, 1966, at Union, Mississippi, where b7D  
ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, was the featured  
speaker.

[redacted] advised of the attendance b2  
of ROBERT M. SHELTON to the State Meeting of the UKA, held at b7D  
Orlando, Florida, on November 26 - 27, 1966.

[redacted] further advised that on November 27, 1966, b2  
ROBERT M. SHELTON directed the meeting and indicated disappointment  
in the Florida Klavern, pointing out that Michigan was  
leading Florida in Klan activities. Approximately 80 Florida b7C  
Klanmen attended the meeting held inside of the Orlando Klan  
headquarters, and SHELTON pointed out that Mississippi had  
given \$15,000. He thereafter stressed the need for a business-  
type organization and stated that he would be in Florida during  
February, 1967, to assist various Klaverns in setting up books.  
SHELTON made statements that the Headquarters of the UKA would  
match any donations by Florida members dollar for dollar for  
any repairs necessary on the Florida rally truck and at the  
time Florida Klanmen each donated \$2.00 for a total of \$160.00  
SHELTON announced that he would forward the same amount to [redacted]  
who is in possession of the truck.

[redacted] further related that [redacted] b2  
of Klavern 29, Pahokee, Florida, did a lot of talking at this  
meeting, and complained of the lack of communication between b7C  
Florida Klanmen. When SHELTON made accusations about different  
Klaverns contending they had 20 to 30 members and were keeping b7D  
the dues and monies contributed by the remaining unknown members,  
[redacted] offered to submit photostatic copies of all records  
to UKA Headquarters.

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[redacted] advised that a public  
rally was held on December 17, 1966, twelve miles south of  
St. Francisville, Louisiana. This rally began at 8:00 P.M.  
b2 and was over at 9:30 P.M., the principal speaker being ROBERT  
b7D SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA.

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[redacted] advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a Klan rally held on b2 November 19, 1966, by the Realm of Mississippi, UKA. This rally was held at Union, Mississippi, about two miles west b7D of town on Highway 15.

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[redacted] further advised that shortly after 8:00 P.M. b2 on November 26, 1966, the state rally scheduled for that day got under way. The news media were represented and the following high Klan officials were observed in attendance: b7D

[redacted] Imperial Wizard  
[redacted] Imperial Kligrapp  
[redacted] Florida State Grand Dragon  
[redacted] Tennessee Grand Dragon  
[redacted] North Carolina Grand Dragon  
[redacted] Texas Grand Dragon  
[redacted] Louisiana Grand Dragon  
[redacted] North Carolina Night Hawk

[redacted] further advised after the opening meeting ROBERT M. SHELTON met with these individuals in Orlando, Florida. SHELTON explained that the UKA has to be run like a business and maintain books like a business. He stated the main trouble in the State of Florida is the lack of communication between the State office and the local Klansmen. He was very critical of [redacted] for not getting letters out, for not having a telephone, not maintaining books, and for having no money in b2 the treasury. The Imperial Wizard stated that although he has a lot of criticism of the Grand Dragon, he was aware of b7C the fact that [redacted] gets no help from other Klansmen and that b7D there is much dissension in the Florida Klan.

[redacted] in Orlando, Florida, at which ROBERT M. SHELTON was present. SHELTON gave a short discourse on the FBI and stated it was an excellent organization when it was run by J. EDGAR HOOVER. SHELTON explained b2 that HOOVER is no longer in power and that the FBI is now b7D run by the Department of Justice and by Jews.

SHELTON then went on to show how the Imperial books are kept and said that they should be used as an example to be copied by the local state organizations. SHELTON also stated that he has a flat rate telephone at his office in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and that all Klan officials can simply call his number which he gave out, leaving a number so that the call can be returned. SHELTON stated that he then plays back the tape, obtains the telephone number and calls the Klan official on his scrambled phone. SHELTON said this service costs him \$1,000 a month.

[redacted] advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, was the featured speaker at a public Klan rally sponsored by the UKA, held on November 29, 1966, in an open field three miles east of Emporia, Virginia. Approximately 400 people attended, among which were [redacted] b7D [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

[redacted] advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, was the featured speaker at the state meeting of the UKA in Alabama. This meeting was held at the Redmont Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama. Approximately 123 persons were present, including wives. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a public rally of the UKA, held in Colonial Heights, Virginia, near Petersburg, Virginia, on December 21, 1966. Approximately 250 persons were in attendance and the rally was held in the Klan tent at the same location where rallies have been held for the prior four to six nights. SHELTON was critical of the Federal Reserve System of the United States, claiming that the Jews in America have all the money. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the principal speaker at a public rally of the UKA, held December 31, 1966, six miles north of South Boston, Virginia. SHELTON did not speak except for a few opening remarks about the trip up to South Boston, Virginia, and then showed the film, "Birth of a Nation," which he narrated. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised that on January 17, 1967, ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, and [redacted] were seen checking into [redacted] Town Motel, U. S. Highway 1, Titusville, Florida. The room [redacted] into which SHELTON and [redacted] entered had been reserved earlier by [redacted]. On the following dates, both [redacted] and SHELTON attended the public Klan rallies and were the featured speakers:

January 18, 1967	Titusville, Florida
January 19, 1967	Beryl Beach, Florida
January 20, 1967	Okachobee, Florida
January 21, 1967	Orlando, Florida
January 22, 1967	Orlando, Florida

SHELTON checked out of the Town Motel on January 23, 1967.

[redacted] advised that there was a public Klan rally sponsored by the UKA at Vernon, Florida, on January 13, 1967. [redacted] advised that approximately 200 persons were in attendance and that the featured speaker was ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA. b2

[redacted] advised b7D that a public rally sponsored by the UKA was held at Ellis Auditorium, Memphis, Tennessee, on January 28, 1967. The featured speaker was Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON, UKA, who was joined in other speeches by the Tennessee Grand Dragon, the Alabama [redacted]

[redacted] Klansmen in attendance were from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

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[redacted] continued that SHELTON announced he has open dates from April 8, through April 27, 1967, and would like to speak at as many unit rallies in Mississippi, as can be scheduled during these dates.

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[redacted] advised of the arrival of ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, together with [redacted] b2 [redacted] UKA, at an Imperial Board meeting held at the West Monroe Klavern #2, in Louisiana, on the night of February 4, 1967. There were approximately 119 Klansmen present at this meeting.

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[redacted] advised that on February 18, 1967, Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON, UKA, and [redacted] met with 55 or 60 Klansmen from the State of Florida at Orlando, Florida. SHELTON advised that there are four districts in the State of Florida and he thinks it will be increased to five in the near future. A Titan will be elected for each district at the next screening committee meeting in Orlando, on April 9, 1967. Later in the year, one of the five Titans will be elected Grand Dragon for the state.

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[redacted] advised that the UKA held a meeting at Thomastown, Mississippi, on March 5, 1967, which was attended by approximately 50 to 75 Klansmen. Those in attendance were ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, and [redacted]

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Virginia, and that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at this meeting. Imperial Wizard SHELTON's speech was on the order of a sermon as he attacked Jews, Catholics, and "niggers." He also attacked the Federal bureaucracy, the FBI, and the anti-Christ. Also, he referred to those who would inform on the Klan as "cockroaches."

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APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute, and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.)

Second source advised that at a meeting in Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Third source advised on May 25, 1966, that the UKA is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization, and was elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966, the National Office was moved from Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the carport of SHELTON's residence, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, which space he had converted into a room.

APPENDIX



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Birmingham, Alabama  
April 17, 1967

Title ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Character RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference Report of SA [redacted]  
dated April 17, 1967, at  
Birmingham, Alabama.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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The confidential source referred to in enclosed LHM is [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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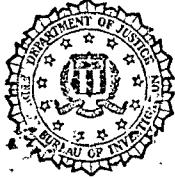
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A confidential source of known reliability advised on [REDACTED] Robert [REDACTED] b7D  
Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was heard to remark, "Judge Cox will not try the Klansmen in the Philadelphia case but will try the FBI Agents and FBI informants for withholding information." Source stated that it was not known what Shelton meant by the above remark nor the source of this information and stated that Shelton did not elaborate on the comment.

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# KKK Cites NAACP, Red Party Cases To Clear Wizard of Contempt Charge

By Neil W. Valentine  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Lawyers for the Ku Klux Klan cited NAACP and Communist Party cases for support yesterday as they asked the U.S. Court of Appeals to reverse the contempt-of-Congress conviction of Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton.

"Liberty, to be secure for any, must be secure for all—even for the most miserable merchants of hatred and unpopular ideas," said Klan attorney Lester V. Chalmers of Raleigh, N.C.

He was quoting a 1960 Supreme Court dissent by Justice Hugo L. Black in the case of a suspected Communist convicted of refusing to answer questions before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Chalmers also cited a Supreme Court decision barring Alabama officials from forcing the state NAACP to divulge its membership list.

Shelton was not present for yesterday's arguments before Judges David L. Bazelon, Charles Fahy and J. Skelly Wright, who took the case under advisement.

The 36-year-old Shelton was convicted of contempt last Sept. 14 by a District Court jury. He was sentenced to a year in jail and a \$1000 fine but has remained free on appeal bond.

Justice Department prosecutors charged that Shelton willfully refused to produce subpoenaed Klan documents during a HUAC hearing on Klan activity in October, 1965.

Chalmers contended yesterday that the committee inquired ~~an exercise in~~

posure for exposure's sake," ~~cially~~ membership lists, Chalmers asserted. ~~cially~~ violating Shelton's constitutional right of free association. He said HUAC lacked authority to conduct the investigation in the first place because within his rights to take the cause there was no pending Fifth Amendment in refusing Klan-related legislation before to reveal Klan records, especially Congress at the time.

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 The Washington Daily News \_\_\_\_\_  
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At the request of the Internal Security Section, [REDACTED] Internal Revenue Service (IRS), was contacted on 6/23/67 to determine the status of the IRS case on Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America.

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[REDACTED] advised that IRS had initiated investigation of Shelton for possible tax evasion for the years 1963 through 1965. This case is still under investigation but indications are that Shelton owes no income taxes for 1963 and 1965 and owes \$100 in taxes for the year 1964. According to [REDACTED] it appears that the criminal tax investigation of Shelton will be closed and the case will be referred to the Audit Division of IRS for civil disposition.

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Title of Case  <b>ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, aka Robert M. Shelton, Robert W. Shelton, Robert Shelton, R. M. Shelton, Bobby Shelton, Bobbie Shelton, Bob Shelton</b>		Report made by <b>SA [redacted]</b>	Typed By <b>b7C mas</b>
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**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

A report is being submitted in this matter at this time due to the recent re-election of ROBERT M. SHELTON as Imperial Wizard of the UKA at a National Klavocation held at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on 9/2-3/67.

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Report of: SA [redacted] b7C Office: BIRMINGHAM  
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Field Office File #: 105-560 Bureau File #: 157-552

Title: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, was re-elected Imperial Wizard of the UKA. SHELTON resides at #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, and maintains the National Headquarters of the UKA at his home. Sources report the activities of SHELTON in the southeastern United States during pertinent period. Current information regarding descriptions of automobiles in SHELTON's possession set forth.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

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A. Residence

ROBERT M. SHELTON resides at #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama.

B. Employment

Imperial Wizard of the UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA).

A characterization of the UKA is set forth in the Appendix of this report.

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C. Automobiles

A review of the records of the License Commissioner's Office, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, reveals that 1967 Alabama license 63-36925 was issued on May 2, 1967, to the UKA for a 1967 Chrysler Imperial Crown, VIN YM43K73155110. The registration indicates the vehicle was purchased new on May 1, 1967. This vehicle is green with a black vinyl top.

The records also indicate that 1967 Alabama license [redacted] was issued to [redacted] on June 5, 1967, for a 1967 Chrysler NY, Serial No. [redacted] This vehicle is yellow with a black vinyl top. b7C

D. Close Associates

ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, is known to associate closely with [redacted]

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II. CONNECTION WITH KLAN-TYPE AND HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS

[redacted] Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted] advised that the UKA held a special state meeting at Alexandria, Louisiana, on March 18, 1967. There were approximately 65 members present. ROBERT SHELTON advised that the UKA in Louisiana would now be run by the Imperial Office of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He stated he was removing [redacted] from the position of Grand Dragon for the State of Louisiana. b2 b7D

[redacted] Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted] advised that on April 1, 1967, the UKA held a rally in Grant Park at Atlanta, Georgia. There were approximately 500 people present at this rally. [redacted] for the State of Georgia, led a march from Grant Park to the residence of one of Atlanta's City Councilmen. After returning to the park, ROBERT M. SHELTON made a speech in which he pointed out the origin and growth of the Communist Party and claimed that the communist conspiracy was controlled by the Jews. b2 b7C b7D

[redacted] Birmingham Confidential Source  
[redacted] advised that a public rally was held in Plant City, Florida, by the UKA on April 8, 1967. There were 500 to 600 people who attended this rally. The rally was delayed due to the arrest of seven men for parading with robes prior to the rally. ROBERT M. SHELTON gave a speech at this rally in which he attacked the Justice Department as well as KATZENBACH, along with the President. He claimed that MARTIN LUTHER KING, a Negro leader, attended a communist training school at Folk Highlander. He also attacked the National Council of Churches. An associate of SHELTON, [redacted] was selling Klan paraphernalia during the rally.

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[redacted] advised that a state meeting of the UKA was held at Orlando, Florida, on April 9, 1967. The meeting was presided over by ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, assisted [redacted]. There were approximately 54 members present. SHELTON gave a speech in which he stated that too many Klansmen were parading around the country shouting "Nigger, nigger." He advised that the time had come to change the image of the Klan, and suggested that public rallies be open to the public and that they welcome the press to these rallies. He advised that care should be taken not to allow press photographers to photograph spectators and participants of the rallies who objected to being photographed. SHELTON stated he was always courteous and went out of his way to talk to the press on every opportunity he got. He also advocated being courteous to policemen; however, he stated that Klansmen should not submit to arrest or a search of their vehicles unless specific charges or articles are specified in the warrants.

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[redacted] Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that a rally was held on April 13, 1967, at Goldsboro, North Carolina. There were approximately 150 persons in attendance, both Klansmen and guests. ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, was the first speaker, and he talked at length about the evils of communism.

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[redacted] Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that a rally was held in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, on April 14, 1967, and there were approximately 300 to 500 people in attendance. ROBERT M. SHELTON was the speaker.

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[redacted] advised that a rally was held at Chocowinity, North Carolina, on April 15, 1967. There were approximately 500 to 700 people present. ROBERT M. SHELTON delivered a speech at this rally.

[redacted] also advised that a rally was held at Roxobel, North Carolina, on April 16, 1967. There were approximately 200 people at this rally. ROBERT M. SHELTON delivered his usual speech. b2 b7D

[redacted] 7, Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted] advised that the UKA held a rally at Edwards, Mississippi, on April 20, 1967, which was attended by approximately 25 people. ROBERT M. SHELTON made a short speech. b7D b2

[redacted] advised that a rally was held at Durant, Mississippi, on April 21, 1967, and was attended by approximately 200 individuals, most of whom are Klansmen and their families. ROBERT M. SHELTON also spoke at this rally. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised that on Saturday, April 22, 1967, a UKA rally was held near Pelahatchie, Mississippi. This rally was attended by approximately 500 people. SHELTON gave a speech at this rally in which he emphasized a line of non-violence for the UKA. He advised that the Klan had no fight with the Negro race, and that the Negroes were innocent victims of the communist conspiracy. SHELTON criticized high Government officials, Government programs, and particularly Federal Aid to Education. SHELTON is reported to have stopped a parade by the members of the Klan through the downtown area of Jackson, Mississippi. b2 b7D

[redacted] Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted] advised that a "Spring Festival" was held by the UKA at Richmond, Virginia, on May 6-7, 1967. Approximately 1,200 individuals were in attendance at the rally on May 6, 1967, and approximately 400 attended on May 7, 1967. Inclement weather caused a reduction in the number of individuals on May 7, 1967. This festival was basically a money-making b2 b7D

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"Blood on My Hands." They also had numerous gadgets and trinkets for sale. SHELTON was autographing copies of his book which sold for \$2.00 apiece. [redacted]

[redacted] Movie reels of the Selma, Alabama, March were sold for \$200.00 each. SHELTON made his regular speech in which he denounced communism, criticized the Department of Justice, and in general criticized the current U. S. Government policies. A casket was on display with a dummy body lying in it with the name tag on the body marked "Uncle Sam."

A [redacted] reported to be a former UKA Imperial Chaplain from North Carolina, was ejected from the rally by Klan guards after a scuffle.

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[redacted] Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted] advised that a rally was held at Woodville, Texas, on May 29, 1967. There were approximately 30 Klansmen present, ten of whom wore robes. There were approximately 100 spectators at this rally. ROBERT M. SHELTON made a speech in which he criticized the Federal Government and blamed the communists for organizing the civil rights workers.

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[redacted] advised that a public rally was held at Groesbeck, Texas, on May 27, 1967. There were approximately 100 people who attended this rally, and ROBERT SHELTON gave his usual speech.

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[redacted] advised that a UKA rally was held near Houston, Texas, on May 28, 1967. There were approximately 150 people in attendance at this rally. There were approximately 20 Klansmen present and about 15 of them wore robes.

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ROBERT M. SHELTON gave a speech after which a cross was burned.

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[redacted] Birmingham Confidential Source  
[redacted] advised that a state meeting of the UKA was held at Harriman, Tennessee, on June 4, 1967. There were approximately 50 members present, and ROBERT M. SHELTON spoke about the FBI informants in the Klan in the State of Tennessee. He stated he knew there were informants in every Klavern in the State of Tennessee, and he was going to make it his business to find out who they were. SHELTON also spoke of his case before the Federal Courts, and stated that he would probably have to take it all the way to the Supreme Court. He spoke on the war in Vietnam and accused STOKELY CARMICHAEL and people like him of trying to get the United States involved in small wars throughout the world so that the American troops will be away from home and people like CARMICHAEL can take over the country.

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[redacted] Birmingham Confidential Source  
[redacted] advised that a UKA rally was held at Florence, Alabama, on June 10, 1967. There were approximately 300 people present. ROBERT SHELTON gave a speech at this rally in which he blamed the Jews for being the main trouble-makers in the United States. He stated that the Jews planned to take over the United States Black Belt in 1912.

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[redacted] Birmingham Confidential Source  
[redacted] advised that a UKA rally was held at Dothan, Alabama, on June 17, 1967. There were approximately 250 to 300 people present, and the main speaker was Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON. SHELTON stated the organizations of communism want to do away with God and the white race of people. He stated that STOKELY CARMICHAEL has proven to the world that a Negro can do anything outside of murder to our Constitution and get away with it.

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[redacted] Birmingham Confidential Source  
[redacted] advised that a state meeting and rally of the UKA were held at Jasper, Alabama, on June 24, 1967. There were approximately 300 people at the rally, and ROBERT SHELTON gave a speech in which he criticized the Jews and their connection with the Communist Party and the NAACP. A communist flag was burned at this rally.

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[redacted] Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted] advised that a rally was held at Stevenson, Alabama, on June 25, 1967, by the UKA. There were approximately 150 people present, and the rally was called off due to severe rain. ROBERT M. SHELTON was in attendance at this rally.

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[redacted], Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted] advised that a UKA rally was held at Charleston, South Carolina, on July 15, 1967. There were approximately 250 to 300 spectators present, in addition to approximately 20 robed Klansmen. ROBERT M. SHELTON [redacted] were present at this rally.

[redacted] He felt that there might be trouble if they held the rally. The rally was held and SHELTON delivered an hour speech.

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[redacted] advised that a UKA rally was held at Bishopville, South Carolina, on July 16, 1967. There were approximately 400 people who attended this rally and an estimated 20 Klansmen in robes. ROBERT M. SHELTON stated that the Klan in South Carolina should emphasize patriotism to the United States rather than continually degrading the Negro. The main speaker was Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON, and he gave his usual talk criticizing the Federal Government. SHELTON was overheard to mention that the South Carolina membership in the Klan had dropped off 70 percent from its highest peak. He stated that the Klan was starting to pick up membership in the State of Carolina. SHELTON stated that the units purchase the two films which were available from the Imperial Office, and that by showing these films at public meetings he felt that interest could be stimulated in the Klan.

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[redacted] Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted] advised that a Klan rally was held [redacted] people attended this rally, and ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker.

[redacted] Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted] advised that a public rally was held at Stevenson, Alabama, on July 22, 1967. There were approximately 250 to 300 people present, and a 30-foot cross was burned during the

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rally. ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker.

[redacted], Birmingham Confidential Informant [redacted] advised a UKA rally was held at Greenville, Mississippi, on July 29, 1967, with approximately 500 to 600 people attending. ROBERT M. SHELTON delivered a speech in which he advised that the UKA was going all out to defend 16 men who had been arrested in North Carolina recently on Federal conspiracy charges. He stated that if these 16 men were prosecuted, it would open the door for prosecution of all UKA members throughout the South.

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[redacted] advised that a rally was held on August 2, 1967, at Morgantown, North Carolina. There were approximately 185 people in attendance and 12 robed Klansmen. ROBERT SHELTON was the main speaker and made his usual speech condemning the Federal Government.

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[redacted], Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted] advised that a UKA rally was held near Kannapolis, North Carolina, on August 5, 1967. Three 50-foot crosses were burned, and ROBERT SHELTON spoke for about 45 minutes concerning the origin and spread of communism, and stated that the civil rights trouble was a communist plot for world domination.

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[redacted] Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted] advised that a state meeting of the UKA was held on August 6, 1967, at Salisbury, North Carolina. There were approximately 300 people present. It was reported at this meeting that some \$65,000.00 had been taken in during the year for the North Carolina Klan. ROBERT SHELTON spoke and stated that some of the units do not show how much money they have in their local treasuries when they send in their monthly reports. He stated that he needs this for his books, and that if the local units do not furnish this information so that it will be available on the books of the National Headquarters for Internal Revenue Service that Internal Revenue Service probably will check the books of every local unit.

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[redacted], Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted] advised that a meeting was held at Dearborn Heights, Michigan, on August 13, 1967, and there were approximately

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92 people in attendance. ROBERT M. SHELTON and [redacted] attended this meeting. ROBERT SHELTON gave a speech and stated that Klansmen were loyal Americans and that they were being harassed by law enforcement officers during their rallies when they were not violating any law. He stated that the civil rights movement has been infiltrated by the Communist Party, and that they are responsible for the riots that are occurring in the cities. He also claimed that the communists have infiltrated the National Council of Churches.

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[redacted] Birmingham Confidential Source [redacted] advised that on August 27, 1967, a state meeting for the State of Texas, UKA, was held at Woodville, Texas. There were approximately 40 to 50 Klansmen in attendance. ROBERT SHELTON advised that he intends to bring charges against [redacted] for not returning UKA property to the UKA when he quit the UKA. SHELTON also announced that there would be a National Convention of the UKA at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on September 2-3, 1967, at which time all national offices would be open for election.

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[Redacted] Birmingham Confidential  
[Redacted] advised that the UKA held a National Klonvocation at the Hotel Stafford in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on September 2-3, 1967. There was a total of approximately 390 voting delegates at the Klonvocation and approximately 100 other Klansmen who were present in the capacity of visitors. ROBERT SHELTON was re-elected as Imperial Wizard of the UKA. ROBERT SHELTON announced that a second degree inside the UKA was being organized. He stated that the candidates for this degree would be required to take a sodium penothal (truth serum) test to determine if they were sincere Klansmen. The financial report was read at the meeting, and this report indicated that the UKA had a total income from dues of \$54,000.00 and a total over-all income of approximately \$110,000.00 for the last year.

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[Redacted] Birmingham Confidential  
[Redacted] advised that a National Klonvocation was held at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on September 2, 1967. Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON gave a speech in which he stressed the need for a national program to be initiated for the purpose of organizing a Junior Klan organization over the entire nation. He stated that this organization was to consist of boys from the ages of 12 through 18, and that these boys should be trained while they were young before they were brainwashed by the liberal elements. SHELTON stated that when these boys reach the age of 18, they could then be inducted into the regular Klan organization. Several Klansmen were observed taking notes during SHELTON's speech, and the note-taking was ordered stopped by SHELTON.

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[Redacted] advised that the National Klonvocation was held at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on September 2-3, 1967, and that ROBERT M. SHELTON stated that his plans to use sodium penothal to test all new Imperial Officers of the UKA had fallen through. He also discussed administering Polygraph tests to newly-elected Imperial Officers; however, he indicated there was not enough time

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to administer these tests during the Klonvocation. SHELTON indicated that he had only four preferences for the National Officers, and these were: [redacted]

[redacted] All three of these persons were nominated and elected. SHELTON gave a financial report and indicated that the income from the sale of records for the National Office was \$19,320.00. Car expenses for the Imperial Officers were \$6,000.00, and salaries were given only as SHELTON, \$200.00 per week, [redacted] \$250.00 per week. There were approximately 670 persons attending the Klonvocation. b7C

[redacted] Birmingham Confidential [redacted] advised that the National Klonvocation was held at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on September 2-3, 1967. The financial report as given by ROBERT M. SHELTON for the past year indicated that the UKA had an income of about \$110,000.00 from July 1, 1966, through June 30, 1967. During this same period, expenditures amounted to about \$112,000.00. It was also reported that the organization owes about \$8,000 to \$9,000 on printing equipment. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised that a total of 391 voting delegates attended the Klonvocation, and that the total attendance was between 450 and 500. ROBERT M. SHELTON was re-elected Imperial Wizard with no opposition. b2 b7D

[redacted] Birmingham Confidential [redacted] advised that the National Klonvocation of the UKA was held at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on September 2-3, 1967. It was estimated that there were approximately 550 to 600 people present. ROBERT SHELTON gave the financial report and had each State Grand Dragon come up to the platform to stand and witness to the correctness of the figures given in the report. Members of the Klan were ordered not to trade with the Top Dollar Stores and to boycott them. They were also urged to object to the program "The Dating Game" which shows Negro and white persons mixing. b7D b2

[redacted] advised that a rally was held at South Hill, Virginia, on September 24, 1967. There were approximately 75 to 100 people in attendance. b2 b7D

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ROBERT SHELTON delivered a speech in which he indicated that the Jewish communists were the real enemies of the Klan and not the Negroes. It was reported that approximately \$104.00 had been taken up in a collection during this rally.

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**NEW 3-YEAR TERM**

# Shelton stays at Klan helm; convention ends

BY LARRY CORCORAN  
AND GEORGE METZ  
News staff writers

TUSCALOOSA — The United Klans of America Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton remained at the helm of the nation's largest Ku Klux Klan order today, re-elected to a new three-year term by the UKA Sunday.

Shelton immediately announced a nation-wide Klan membership drive, and planned, he said, for "implementation of our boys' youth auxiliary program."

"Too many of our young people are being neglected and are falling into the clutches of atheism, liberalism and communism," Shelton said, announcing the UKA planned a massive education program, along Klan doctrines, aimed primarily at young people.

Shelton emerged from the two-day UKA national conven-

tion here apparently still undisputed spokesman for the majority of the country's Ku Klux Klansman.

Two other top imperial chieftains were also re-elected in Sunday's final session — Imperial Kaliff Robert Thompson of Atlanta, and Imperial Kligrapp Melvin Sex-



ROBERT SHELTON

ton of Tuscaloosa.

Imperial kaliff is vice president, and imperial kilgrapp is secretary.

Only one of the Klan's directors on the board was re-elected — Robert Collins of Atlanta.

NEW MEMBERS elected to the board include Coy Neal of Tuscaloosa; William Chaney of Indianapolis, Ind.; Charlie Edlers, South Hill, Va.; Billy Barnes of South Carolina, and the Rev. James Spears of Decatur.

Both Chaney, grand dragon of Indiana, and Rev. Spears, UKA's Alabama grand dragon, will also retain their state posts, Shelton said.

Shelton prefers to call the UKA the country's "only Klan." However, more than half-a-dozen splinter Klan groups came under recent scrutiny of the U. S. House Committee on un-American activities.

Shelton estimated more

than 2,000 Klansmen from 42 states attended the convention.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. P.ach
Mr. Myhr
Mr. B. N. p
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gandy
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Telo. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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~~Enclosed for the Bureau are the originals and four copies each of write-ups regarding ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON~~

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The above write-ups on these individuals are being submitted for the Bureau's consideration to be included in the Rabble Rouser Index.

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ALIASES Robert M. Shelton, Robert W. Shelton, Robert Shelton, R.M. Shelton, Bobby Shelton, Bobbie Shelton and Bob Shelton

RACE WHITE

NATIONALITY  
AMERICAN

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH  
6/12/29, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION

United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA)

POSITION IN ORGANIZATION  
Imperial Wizard

DESCRIPTION

<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>HAIR</u>	<u>EYES</u>	<u>DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS</u>
5'10"	170 lbs.	Brown	Blue	

FBI # None OTHER IDENT # None

RESIDENCE

18 Lake Sherwood  
Northport, Alabama

BUSINESS ADDRESS

18 Lake Sherwood  
Northport, Alabama

SUCCINCT RESUME OR ACTIVITIES

ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of the UKA and travels all over the United States giving speeches and attending Klan rallies and meetings.

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TO DIRECTOR, NEWARK, AND RICHMOND  
 FROM BIRMINGHAM

ROBERT M. SHELTON. RM (KINN)

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THIS DATE, [REDACTED] ADVISED ROBERT M. SHELTON, [REDACTED]

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Subject: Robert Marvin Shelton

Date Searched: 6/26/67

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

✓ Robert Marvin Shelton  
✓ Bob Sheldon  
✓ R. Sheldon  
✓ Robert Sheldon  
✓ Robert M. Sheldon  
✓ Robert Marvin Sheldon  
✓ One Sheldon  
✓ Bob Shelton  
✓ Bobb Sheldon  
✓ Bobbie Sheldon

✓ Bobby Sheldon  
✓ R. M. Sheldon  
✓ Robert Sheldon  
✓ Robert G. Sheldon  
✓ Robert H. Sheldon  
✓ Robert L. Sheldon  
✓ Robert M. Sheldon  
✓ Robert N. Sheldon  
✓ Robert S. Sheldon  
✓ Robert W. Sheldon

*Summary*

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Robert Marvin Shelton can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary.

HCUA.....House Committee on Un-American Activities

KKK.....Ku Klux Klan

KKKK.....Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

Klan.....Ku Klux Klan

UKA.....United Klans of America

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furnished a copy of a letter written by [REDACTED] on 11/9/64. This letter was addressed to [REDACTED] daughter, [REDACTED] who received letters from [REDACTED] whom she had never met personally, while she was in the Pueblo County Jail on a charge of robbing a filling station. In this letter [REDACTED] wrote favorably of George Lincoln Rockwell, self-styled commander of the American Nazi Party, Robert Shelton and racial extremism in general.

157-2503-4 encl.p.6  
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On 4/2/65 [redacted] advised he had b7C written to Robert M. Shelton in about January, 1965, and inquired about joining the UKA, and the dues required.

[redacted] furnished a letter dated 2/8/65, from [redacted] on station [redacted]

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National States' Rights Party (NSRP). In this letter Robinson stated he would not join Shelton's UKA because Shelton did not know how the FBI had tried to destroy the KKK and NSRP.

[redacted] also displayed a letter dated 2/18/65, from Shelton, in which Shelton acknowledged receipt of the card from [redacted] and said he was interested in starting a unit. Shelton further stated if b7C there was any way possible he would come to West Virginia that weekend from North Carolina, at which time he would bring necessary material that [redacted] would need.

[redacted] stated Shelton never did contact him further in this regard. He said he had met Shelton and considered him a dangerous man. b7C

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[redacted] further stated he attended a rally in Houston in mid-September, 1965, at which Shelton was the principal speaker. b7D

157-5402-1 p.15  
(31)

This reference pertains to the Klan activities in the Houston, Texas area of [redacted]  
Robert M. Shelton during the period of the summer of 1964 to 9/19/65. b7C

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157-2840-3 p.1,5-7,11-14  
(29,46)

[redacted] advised that he was disgusted with Robert Shelton's conduct b7C at the Congressional Hearings and made the remark that Shelton had used the 5th Amendment just like the communists had.

157-5089-1 p.8  
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b2 [redacted] advised that Robert Shelton was expected to b2  
spearb7D a UKA rally on 11/14/65 in Columbus, Miss. b7C

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In a letter dated November, 1965, according to an article in the "Waukesha Freeman Paper," Waukesha, Wisconsin, issue not given, Robert Shelton designated David John Harris (157-3837) as his "Imperial Representative and Coordinator" of the Klan in Wisconsin.

157-3837-9 p.3  
(29)

[redacted] advised that [redacted] there were then 12 Klaverns organized in Texas and some had telephoned Robert Shelton to inform him that the Texas Klan groups were sufficiently strong to be organized as a Realm. b2 [redacted] also stated that according to Shelton, it was not believed that anyone from Texas would be called to Washington, D.C., to testify before the HCUA concerning Klan activities. b7D b7C

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157-5330-1 p.C,14,15  
(31)

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157-3831-4 p.7,8  
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[redacted] advised that several books written by [redacted] an ex-newspaperman, were advertised for sale in the February, 1966, issue of "The Fiery Cross," official publication of the KKK. Articles which discussed each of these books appeared in "The Fiery Cross" and it was stated that orders should be sent to Robert Shelton, 401 Alaston Building, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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157-1494-87 p.18  
(28)

On 2/3/66

[redacted] stated he was a member of the KKK, but declined to answer if he was at this time a member of the Klan. He stated he did not know anyone in the Klan, however, the name Robert Shelton was familiar to him as a Klan leader.

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174-223-160 p.73  
(32)

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held [redacted] a benefit dinner was held [redacted] At this dinner, [redacted] to organize and finance an all-white church, a message was read from Shelton which apologized for not being present since he had business

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in Washington, D.C., with the HCUA.

Add. info. according to [redacted] and duplicate b2  
informant.

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157-1146-8 p.3-5  
(46)

[redacted] advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] was friendly with Robert Shelton and had met Shelton on a b2  
couple of occasions.

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[redacted] [redacted]  
[redacted]

157-1142-2 p.9  
(28)

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The 2/12/66 issue of the "Plain Dealer," Cleveland, Ohio, reported that Robert W. Annable, head of the North American Alliance of White People, testified before the HCUA on 2/11/66. Annable asserted he was not a KKK member but he praised the organization and its leaders for "high ideals." He admitted he had been offered an appointment as Grand Titan for the State of Ohio by Robert Shelton, but that he rejected it.

157-5873-3 encl.p.3  
(32)

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Through arrangements made with [redacted] was b7D  
contacted [redacted], at which time he furnished the following inform n:

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of the Klan officials for refusing to answer questions put to them by b7C  
the HCUA. b7D

174-223-181 p.D  
(56)

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[redacted] b2

157-4734-3 p.5,6,18 b7D  
(30)

[redacted] advised the only Klan organization in the Beaumont, Texas area was the UKA, headed by Robert Shelton in Alabama, and there had been no split between Klan members to his knowledge. [redacted] no rally or demonstration by the Klan was planned in the area to his knowledge; however, when Shelton was finished with congressional committee hearings he might return to Texas for meetings.

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157-5318-1 p.10-12  
(31)

This reference pertains to the activities of [redacted] and Robert M. Shelton during the period 1/22/66 to 3/16/66. [redacted]

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157-4494-10 p.7,13-17  
(48,58)

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This reference is a bulky enclosure which contained photographs and physical descriptions of numerous individuals (not further identified). Enclosed was a photograph and physical description of Robert M. Shelton. b7D

This bulky was submitted by Bumemo dated 3/24/66 captioned "University of Mississippi" (157-401).

157-401-2911 encl.p.72  
(34)

On 3/28/66 [redacted] was interviewed in [redacted] regarding Klan activities. He stated he had complete faith in [redacted] and in Robert Shelton. He trusted these men with Klan funds; would never question the way they handled the money of the organization; nor would he ask them for any accounting of the funds. b7C

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[redacted] was told to remain alert in his activities with [redacted] and Shelton [redacted]

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157-5192-2 p.2,3  
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On 3/29/66 [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he would never consider affiliating with the UKA, KKKK, under Robert b7C  
Shelton, as Shelton "is a renegade" and had "hurt the Ku Klux Klan more than he has helped it."

157-1609-24 p.4  
(28)

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[redacted] advised that Shelton was scheduled to attend a b7D  
meeting in Coushatta on 3/29/66 but he was not present. b2

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[redacted] advised that the 4/7/66 Klan meeting in Shreveport, Louisiana, to vote on whether or not the Klan in Shreveport-Bossier City would unite with the UKA headed by Shelton, was cancelled. b2

157-168-607 p.4,5  
(8)

On 4/11/66 [redacted] (157-3887), [redacted] b7C  
[redacted] admitted that he had quit the Klan in disgust inasmuch as he could not receive any cooperation from Robert Shelton.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] refused to communicate b2 with him and also that the informant had not received any information b7C from Shelton (date not given).

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157-3887-9 p.1,2  
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In connection with the request of the Department of Defense-  
National Agency Check Center for a name check on an individual identified  
as [redacted] the Cincinnati Office furnished the following information on b7C  
9/16/66:

[redacted]  
62-5-26483 encl.p.1 b2  
(2) b7D

[redacted]  
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[redacted]  
met with Shelton [redacted] advised that on [redacted] and other Klan in [redacted]

b2 Add. info. according to [redacted] and duplicate informant.  
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157-3792-3 p.2,4,6,7,14,15  
(29) b2

The 5/29/66 issue of "The Akron-Beacon Journal", Akron, Ohio,  
contained an interview of Howard C. Lewis, former Exalted Cyclops of

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Klavern # 7 and a local organizer for the National Knights of the KKK, Inc. (157-168), in connection with Klan rallies he planned to hold. This article stated that Lewis noted that his group planned to merge with Robert Shelton's group.

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157-168-694 p.7,23

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157-2850-27 p.5

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157-5-229 encl.p.1

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[redacted] advised that units of the Virginia Realm of the UKA quietly posted "NEVER" signs throughout the state the night of 6/12/66. Informant stated Robert Shelton was scheduled to go to trial 6/13/66 in Washington, D.C., and the "NEVER" signs were to be displayed as a nationwide project of the UKA. b2

Add. info. according b7D [redacted]

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157-6856-1 p.7,10

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157-5741-71 p.9

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Atlanta letter dated 7/29/66 advised contacts with [redacted] reflected favorable results in that [redacted] b7C was friendly with the contacting Agents and expressed a desire to cooperate with them in their law enforcement obligations. He express b7D complete disrespect for [redacted] Robert Shelton and [redacted] based upon their handling of Klan affairs.

[redacted] KKKK, but stated that in view of the unfavorable publicity brought upon the Klan organizations by the above-mentioned individuals, the U.S. Klans disbanded and was no longer in existence. b7C

157-4915-4 p.1  
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The following references in the file captioned "Hate and Klan Organizations" (157-5) set out information regarding the activities of Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, during the period 10/11/59 to 11/7/66. These activities, which took place in Alabama and Washington, D.C., included: speaker at Klan meetings; indictment in connection with a slaying; his Klan activities and his employer, politics, churches and the ban on his visit to England; correspondence with a Klan member; his contempt of Congress trial and the appeal of the sentence. Shelton also planned to attend a training course in Delaware and speak at a Klan rally in Maxton, N.C.

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157-5-4-39 encl.p.5,6,13,22-27

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157-5-8-157 p.1

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157-5-53-101 p.6  
-107 p.1, encl. p.1  
-109 p.1-3  
-129 p.1

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On 11/16/66

in Mississippi for the "Times Picayune" newspaper, advised he had heard that Eastland had met with the heads of the two Klan units in Mississippi [redacted] the KKK of Mississippi and Shelton, and that some sort of deal was made.

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94-4-5130-52 p.1,2  
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By telegram dated 11/22/66, Robert M. Shelton requested the Director investigate the abusive tactics of two FBI Agents in Richmond, Virginia, in connection with an attempt to interview [redacted] (89-1350) and requested "a reply to your findings." b7C

It was recommended that no acknowledgement whatsoever be made to this telegram. Director's notation.

89-1350-1 p.2  
(34)

[redacted] b7C

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157-4415-6 p.1,3-5  
(30)

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[redacted] advised that a public rally was held 11/25/66 near Emporia, Virginia. At this rally, [redacted] b2

[redacted]

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[redacted] b7D

Add. info. according to [redacted] and duplicate informant. b2

157-3319-28 p.8,9,13  
(29)

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On 11/29/66 Robert M. Shelton, in a news conference at Richmond, Va., announced the obtaining of warrants by the UKA against two FBI Agents for trespassing and assault on [redacted] b7C  
Transcription of this conference set out.

89-1350-16 p.1-7  
(35)

The following references pertain to Klan meetings, date and locality set out, which Robert Shelton did not attend, but was included in the discussion as indicated:

DATE	LOCALITY	TOPIC OF DISCUSSION	REFERENCE & SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
[redacted]	[redacted]	A directive from Shelton that all Klavern meetings be held on Tuesday and all Klan records be destroyed.	157-2762-6 p.2, (29) 4*

\*Add. info.

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DATE	LOCALITY	TOPIC OF DISCUSSION	REFERENCE & SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
		Amount of dues each was expected to pay and how much would go to Shelton.	157-1476-5 p.2, (28) 3,5, 8*
		Information in newspapers that members met with Shelton in Alabama not true.	157-5140-2 p.8, (30) 9
		Sent telegrams of encouragement to Shelton, in care of HCUA, Washington, D.C.	157-2357-6 p.2, (28) 7*
		Shelton requested to replace the South Carolina UKA Grand Dragon.	105-38068-650p. (27) B,C

\*Add. info.

The following references set out information regarding the activities of Robert Shelton in connection with the Klan. The information showed his attendance at Klan meetings, rallies and special meetings with Klan officials. At many of the rallies, meetings and other Klan activities, Shelton was the speaker or participated in the activities, and was scheduled to attend rallies at a future date.

DATE	LOCALITY	TYPE OF MEETING	REFERENCE & SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
	<u>Attendance</u>	b7D	
		Klan member	157-3769-3 p.5,6* (29)
		Klan members	157-2746-5 p.3,5 (28)

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DATE	LOCALITY	TYPE OF MEETING	REFERENCE & SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
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Attendance

	Klan members	157-2746-5 p.3,5 (28)
	Klan members	157-5026-4 p.1,5,6 (29)
	Klan members	157-2713-4 p.3,4* (28)
	Klan members	157-2533-4 p.3,9 (28)
	Klan members	157-3220-4 p.3,13 (29)
	Klan members	157-3262-5 p.1,4,6 (28)
	Klan members	157-4897-2 p.9,15 (29)
	Meetings	157-7115-1 p.6,11 (29)

Speaker

9/11/65	Taylortown, La.
9/12/65	Monroe, La.
10/30/65	Natchez, Miss.

	Meeting	157-5520-1 p.3 (31)
9/11/65	Cross burning rally	157-3401-3 p.3,4,6 (29)
9/12/65	Cross burning rally	
10/30/65	Rally Meeting	
	Organizational School	157-6021-1 p.10-12 (32)

\*Add. info.

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DATE	LOCALITY	TYPE OF MEETING	REFERENCE & SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
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Speaker

4/30/66	Baton Rouge, La.	Rally	157-4862-2 p.6 (30)
5/3/66	Groveton, Texas	Rally	157-5262-2 p.1-3 (31)
5/7/66	Natchez, Miss.	Rally	157-4643-3 p.8 (30)
5/20/66	Largo, <u>Fla.</u>	Rally	157-5765-2 ep.1 (32)
6/4/66	Zachary, La.	Closed rally	105-71801-505 ep.1 (21) 105-71801-510 p.9 (21)
7/10/66	Columbia, <u>S.C.</u>	State-wide Rally	157-1530-30 p.3 (28)
11/27/66	Orlando, Fla.	Public Rally	157-418-43 ep.1 (28)

Participated

12/3/66	Cincinnati, Ohio	Klan naturali- zation	157-5430-3 p.6 (31)
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Potential Attendance

9/19/65	Houston, Texas	Rally	157-5322-1 p.15,21,22* (31)
11/17/66 or 11/19/66	Groesbeck, Texas	Rally	157-7115-1 p.6,11 (49)

\*Add. info.

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44-35496-98 p.BB,PP  
(34)

[redacted] advised that during the Fall of 1965 he attended a Klan rally in Natchez, Miss. He stated that Robert Shelton was the guest speaker at this rally. b7C

On 3/28/67 [redacted] advised that about two years ago he attended a Klan rally in Natchez, where b7C Shelton was the guest speaker.

On 3/24/67 [redacted] advised he had attended some public Klan rallies and had met with and b7C talked to Shelton. (dates and places not given)

44-35496-143 p.37,160,174  
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[redacted]  
62-109060-5124 encl.p.6  
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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters" (157-6) set out information regarding the activities of Robert Shelton, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the Imperial Wizard of the UKA, during the period July, 1961 to 5/18/67. The activities, which took place in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Ohio, Tennessee, and Texas, included: speaker or scheduled speaker at rallies, attended Klan meetings, met with Klan officials and had a press conference. He received correspondence regarding Klan activities and cancelled plans to burn a cross.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-6-687 p.1	(5)
157-6-2-2206 encl.p.2,3	(35)
157-6-3-2039 encl.p.2	(3)
157-6-4-2437 encl.p.10,11,37 -2714 encl.p.7,37	(3,35) (3,35)
157-6-8-1949 encl. p.2	(3)
157-6-9-2654 encl.p.2	(3)
157-6-10-716 encl.p.17	(3)
157-6-12-582 p.2; encl.p.3	(3)
157-6-24-477 encl.p.3	(4)
157-6-29-794 encl.p.5 -798 encl.p.3 -818 encl.p.2 -1002 encl.p.9,10	(4) (4,35) (4) (4)
157-6-33-4264 encl.p.1	(4)
157-6-37-2115 encl.p.4	(4)
157-6-41-2080 encl.p.2	(4,35)
157-6-64-1461 encl.p.7 -1478 encl.p.4,17-21 -1485 encl.p.21,54	(4) (4) (4)

CHARBOM (174-223) was the code word for the case which involved the bombing of the homes of four Negro leaders in Charlotte, North Carolina, on 11/22/65, together with 15 other incidents of Klan violence. In this connection the Department was interested in data concerning interstate communications relative to Klan business. The following references set out information regarding

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REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
174-223-381 p.1,2	(49)
-382 p.1,2	(49)
-386 p.1	(49)
-396 p.1	(49)

The following references in the file captioned "United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan," 157-370, contain information pertaining to the activities of Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard of this organization during the period July, 1961 to 6/25/67. Shelton travelled to many states throughout the US, in order to attend and participate in various UKA rallies and/or other Klan functions. He set up plans to organize UKA Klaverns, State units or to raise funds for various UKA projects. Shelton was in contact with Klan members, requested the units to finance his activities and appeared before the HCUA, which was investigating the activities of the Klan.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-370-883 p.1	(2)
-893 p.4-9,11,33,40-45,69,74,84, 92,94,99,100,102,103,124, 127-129,131-137,140-143, 145-150,160,168,170,176,177, 184,194,195,206,209	(48,50,58)
-A "New York Times", 4/20/65	(36)
157-370-2-382 ep.1	(6)
-389 ep.1,4	(36)
-392 ep.5,6	(6)
-407 ep.1-3,6-8	(36)
-411 ep.2	(36)
-421 ep.2	(6)
-423 ep.1	(6)
-434 ep.1,2	(6)

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157-370-2-442 ep.1,2	(36)
-443 ep.2	(36)
-445 ep.2	(36)
-468 ep.2	(36)
-483 p.1	(37)
-487 ep.2,3	(37)
157-370-3-34 ep.1	(37)
-35 p.1,3-5	(37)
-38 ep.2,3	(37)
-80 p.1,2	(37)
-89 p.1,2; ep.1,2	(37)
-90 ep.1,2	(37)
-92 p.2; ep.4	(37)
-101 p.1; ep.2,3	(37)
-107 p.1	(37)
-130 p.1	(37)
-135 p.1; ep.1,2	(37)
-145 p.1,2,5,6	(37)
-179 p.8	(37)
-181 ep.2	(37)
-189 p.1,2,5,7,8	(37)
-197 p.1	(37)
-212 p.1,2	(37)
157-370-4-62 p.1	(34)
-377 p.1,4,5,7,12-15,18,21, 23,25,34,65,68-71,76, 89-93,97,101,102,105, 110,118,119	(37,37,50)
-383 p.1,2,4,5,29,30,32,33,35	(37)
-399 p.1; ep.1	(37)
-403 ep.1	(37)
-407 p.1	(37)
-408 ep.1,2	(37,37)
-421 ep.1	(37)
-423 p.1,2,5-8,14-16,26,29-35	(37,38,50)
-428 ep.1	(37)
-435 ep.2	(37)
-441 ep.1	(37)
-447 p.1,5,8-10,15-18,33,36-38,41	(38,50)
-451 ep.1	(38)
-452 ep.1,2	(38)

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157-370-4-455 p.7	(38)
-473 p.1,5,7-10,14,16,28,30-35	(8, 51)
-484 p.1	(38)
-496 ep.1	9
-500 p.1	9
-503 p.1	(38)
-507 p.1	9
157-370-8-953 ep.2	(9)
-957 p.1	(9)
-959 p.1,2	(9)
-978 p.1	(9)
-994 p.1	(38)
-997 ep.1,2	(9, 62)
-1076 p.11,13,14,20,21,24,29, 70,225,226	(9, 38)
-1101 p.1-3	(56)
-1108 p.2	(9)
-1134 p.1	(9)
-1139 p.1	(57)
-1148 p.1,2	(9, 38, 57)
-1160 p.1-3	(57)
-1164 p.1-3; ep.1,13,28,32,34	(57)
-1194 p.1-6	(10)
-1209 ep.1	(10)
-1216 ep.1,3,4	(10)
-1217 ep.1	(10)
-1219 ep.1	(10)
-1285 ep.2	(38)
-1305 p.23,73,152,225,227,235, 240,243,248-251	(10, 57)
-1306 p.1-3	(57)
-1347 ep.2	(10)
-1399 ep.1	(65)
-1408 p.1; ep.1	(10)
-1409 p.1; ep.1	(10)
-1423 p.1; ep.2	(10)
-1465 ep.2	(10)
-1476 ep.2	(10)
-1568 ep.1	(11)
-1569 ep.1	(11)
-1596 ep.1,2	(11)
-1646 p.74,76,77,79,80,82,113,159, 229,231,257	(11, 39, 57)

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157-370-11-11 ep.1,2 -12 ep.1-3 -15 p.1; ep.1-3 -38 p.2,3,5,6,10,11 -40 p.2,5	12 13 13 13 13 13
157-370-12-29 ep.2 -31 p.D,7,8,10,13 -33 ep.2,4 -35 ep.1 -39 p.3-5; ep.1-3 -42 p.2; ep.2 -43 p.4,7 -46 ep.1 -49 p.3,5	(13,57) 13 39,57 13 13 13 13 39 13 13 13

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157-370-19-66 p.1; ep.2,3,5-10,14 -68 ep.1 -73 ep.2,3 -79 p.2; ep.1-9 -80 p.2 -87 p.5,6,15,16,19,23-28 -99 p.4; ep.1-4 -112 ep.2 -119 p.26 -121 p.2	(14, 40, 61) 40 40 40 40 40 14 40 14 14
157-370-23-2 p.2; ep.1-5	(61)
157-370-24-149 ep.1 -154 ep.2-4 -162 ep.2,3 -164 p.1 -165 ep.1 -167 ep.1,3,4 -172 p.7,8,10,12,13 -182 p.1 -183 ep.2 -186 ep.1,3 -194 ep.1 -195 ep.2	(14, 40) 40 40 40 14 14 14 14 14 41 41 41 41 41 41
157-370-25-22 p.4,13 -28 ep.1 -30 ep.1 -33 ep.1 -34 ep.2-6,17 -35 p.1,3,6	(15) 15 15 15 15, 41 (15)
157-370-28-38 ep.1 -44 ep.1 -47 ep.1 -51 p.7,15	(15) 15 15 (15)

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The following reference on Robert Shelton located in files maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division, was reviewed and found to be identical with the subject of this summary; however, the information contained therein has not been included:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
44-28601-780	(27)

REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following references on Robert Shelton located in files maintained in the Civil Rights Section, General Investigative Division were not reviewed, and it is not known whether they are identical with the subject of this summary:

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The following references were not available during the time this summary was being prepared:

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See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *JH* SAC, BIRMINGHAM (105-560)(P)

SUBJECT: ROBERT M. SHELTON  
RM

DATE: 3/5/68

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On 2/27/68, a source of the Birmingham Office furnished four tapes of the Edward Dean Show, a program on which ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), and Rev. JAMES H. SPEARS, Grand Dragon of the UKA, Realm of Alabama, appeared as guests between 10:00 P.M. and 12 Midnight, 2/22/68.

These tapes were played by Birmingham Agents and the following comments were made by SHELTON during the course of the program:

He presented his timeworn cliches concerning FBI informants in the Klan, and stated that the Klan considers the monies received in this fashion as Federal aid. He also pointed out that the UKA is not a political organization; rather they are fighting Communism. He also mentioned the Junior Klan, stating that it was open to boys, ages 12 - 18, and its purpose was to teach the youth of America Americanism, respect for the flag, patriotism, and to fear God. He mentioned that anyone desiring information as to the qualifications for membership in the Junior Klan should write to him at Post Office Box 2369, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He also, in answer to a listener's question concerning the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in September, 1963, mentioned that he, as the head of the Klan, had offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the identity of the individuals responsible for this crime.

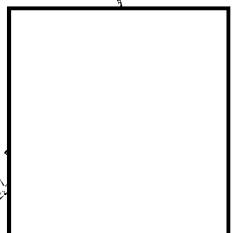
In this connection, he also mentioned that the three men arrested shortly after the bombing of the church who were charged with possession of dynamite were not, in his opinion, involved in the bombing of the church, and to his knowledge it was not established that there was any connection between

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the arrest of these three individuals and the bombing of the church. However, he was unable to furnish any information to the caller as to the disposition of the possession of dynamite case against these individuals.

He also answered questions posed to him by citizens calling in on the telephone as to the aims of the Klan, and mentioned again that the Klan was not a violent type of organization and that only individuals who were "persons with good Christian character and followers of Christ" could join the Klan. He also traced the history of the Klan and the reasons why it was brought into existence many years ago.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- **157-7782** )

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop ✓

FROM : M. A. Jones ✓

DATE: 10-9-68

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SUBJECT: ROBERT M. SHELTON  
IMPERIAL WIZARD OF THE  
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.

As a matter of interest the above-mentioned individual filed libel suits several months ago against Buford Boone, Publisher of the "Tuscaloosa News," Tuscaloosa, Alabama, because of certain editorials Boone ran in his paper castigating the Klan. One of these libel suits came to trial within recent weeks and the jury returned a verdict September 19th in behalf of Shelton, fixing no damages for compensation and \$500 as a punitive judgment. Several members of the jury voted to give Shelton nothing but one juror held out and the \$500 verdict was a compromise.

The second case Shelton has against Boone is not considered as strong as the first one and perhaps this will go to trial next January.

## RECOMMENDATION:

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1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Rosen

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

FROM : G. C. Moore *GCM*

DATE: August 14, 1968

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SUBJECT: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
KLAN INVESTIGATIONS  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

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Purpose of this memorandum is to advise you that the United States Court of Appeals has affirmed the conviction of Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, (UKA), Inc., for contempt of Congress.

### BACKGROUND:

Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA and six other Klan leaders were indicted in 1966 for contempt of Congress for failing to produce Klan records subpoenaed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Shelton was convicted in Federal District Court, Washington, D. C., and given a sentence of one year in jail and a fine of \$1,000. He appealed this conviction and is presently out on bond. The court proceedings pertaining to the six other Klan leaders were held in abeyance pending the appeal by Shelton.

On August 14, 1968, Paul Vincent, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice advised that the United States Court of Appeals, Washington, D. C., had just affirmed the lower court conviction of Shelton. Vincent stated that it is assumed that Shelton will appeal the court's decision to the Supreme Court.

### ACTION:

None. For information.

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# Klan Rally Hears Conspiracy Charge

By TERRY KEETER

LAKE, Miss. — The Imperial Wizzard of the United Klans of America addressed a rally of about 400 in a field near here last night and lashed out at President Johnson, the "Communist conspiracy", government handouts, while praising presidential hopeful George Wallace.

Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., told the group that he felt the present civil rights uprising was part of a Communist design.

Shelton, speaking in an open field filled with both automobiles and spectators, said it was part of the Communist program to "create problems, then offer solution." He said that was what they had done with civil rights in 11 southern states, commonly called the "Black Belt."

"With an enemy who is reaching out for world conquests, the first thing they attempt to do is concentrate their efforts in the area of greatest resistance," he said.

"That was the eleven Southern states," he said.

He said that the Communist party first offered to give the Negroes these states but had no success. He said they then added a plank in their program to "create a guilt complex in the minds of Christian people—that they had been denying the Negro people their rights."

He said by use of this plank, they were "infiltrating and gaining control of religious groups, throughout this Black Belt."

"We must be able to recognize and realize the problems and how they use them — how they are enticed and implemented upon the American people," Shelton said.

He charged that, working through the government, they had passed legislation, "directed particularly at these states." He listed the Civil Rights bill, federal aid programs, and the Hill-Burton ~~Act~~s among programs aimed at the South.

"Then they picked out an area in these 11 Southern states to provoke, set up and carry out an act of violence," he charged.

He listed the James Meridith shooting as one of these "set up" acts of violence.

He charged that it was known beforehand that there would be birdshot in the gun, and questioned why newsmen did not duck for cover when the shooting occurred.

He said that it was part of the plan that a picture would be taken of Meridith lying on the pavement in pain.

The Klan leader also lashed out at recent riots in the major cities of the country and blasted the President for ordering the flags flown at half-staff following the murder of Martin Luther King.

"This is something that hasn't even been done for the 22,000 boys killed in Vietnam," he said.

He said that in Chicago during recent riots, policemen turned their backs on looters and those smashing store windows. He said there was no protection in the city of Chicago during the riots and that "for 12 hours they were without law enforcement."

"Many a country has fallen in less than 12 hours," he said.

He said his organization did not advocate violence of any form but would use the ballot as its weapon.

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 Editor: JAMES B. SKEWES  
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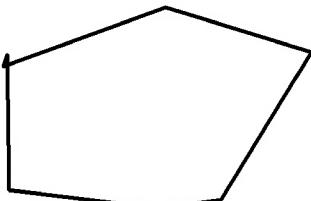
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Report concerning SHELTON's activities, which was to be at the Bureau 10/24/68, has been delayed due to the assignment of Case Agent to other pressing matters. This report presently in dictation and will be submitted from the Birmingham office by 10/28/68.



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# Shelton's Lawyers Wrap Up Case

Hearing of a civil damage suit by Klan Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton of Tuscaloosa against

The Tuscaloosa News went into its third day at the courthouse this morning with indication it might reach the jury later this afternoon.

The plaintiff's case was rested at 9:40 a.m. today after hearing testimony from several witnesses who testified as to the good character and reputation of Shelton.

Testifying as to Shelton's good character and reputation were Ralph Brown, a member of the state legislature from this county and local chiropractor, J. R. Moman of Tuscaloosa, Ralph Williams, a Tuscaloosa attorney, Marvin Ellis of Tuscaloosa and Walter Wyatt of Tuscaloosa.

Witnesses for the plaintiff during this morning's session were Maj. John T. Sullivan of the Alabama National Guard, Police Chief William Marable, Henry Butler, a former city policeman and Jerry Colburn, a Tuscaloosa News photographer.

Sullivan said he was ordered here by the state adjutant general during the spring and summer of 1964 to observe the racial situation. He said the situation prior to the publication of Boone's editorial was "grave and could become explosive."

Chief Marable and Butler told of violence which did erupt here during the first week of July, 1964.

Chief Marable said mob violence developed in at least two instances "which was a matter of grave concern."

Butler said "the situation was explosive, or at least I thought so."

Colburn was called to identify pictures he took at a Klan rally

on Highway 82 bypass in 1965, when Shelton was one of the speakers.

The plaintiff is seeking civil damages from The Tuscaloosa News and its publisher, Buford Boone. Publisher Boone was heard earlier as he was called as the first witness by the plaintiff's attorneys.

Shelton himself was on the witness stand for the greater portion of Tuesday's session.

It was concluded by denials that he ever had any connections with the leadership of elements who engaged in violence in Tuscaloosa prior to publication of an editorial in The News on July 7, 1964, which is the basis

for his suit. Shelton denied that he had ever led any mob or elements of a mob or had ever personally committed any act of violence here or elsewhere.

"I have never participated in any violence, organized or unorganized, on the person of anybody," Shelton declared.

In one instance during violence in Tuscaloosa Shelton said he advised, not warned, staff photographer Calvin Hannah of The News "to be careful" as to the picture he took. "I did it for his own benefit and my concern for him," Shelton testified.

He admitted only being within the vicinity, not at the spot, of

other violence, in Tuscaloosa preceding the July, 1964, period.

Shelton said he had an ICC permit to own two-way radio receiving and sending equipment and had some in his automobile, his office and his home.

Publisher Boone of The News in his earlier testimony had testified that his editorial in question was based on his own opinion. He said that in his opinion Shelton as a public figure is not immune under libel laws to criticism for his acts. He said he held no malice against Shelton but acted in the interest of keep-

ing peace in this community.

Witnesses called during the afternoon to testify as to the good character and reputation of Shelton included Mrs. M. A. Yarbrough of 1815 15th St., James Campbell of 1803 15th St. E., and Fred Robertson, local service station operator.

James Hall of Tuscaloosa, manager of the Alabama Press Association, and custodian of the association's code of ethics, was called to introduce that code in evidence. On cross-examination Hall said he read The Tuscaloosa News and "in my opinion it conforms to the rule."

W. T. Hutchinson, internal revenue agent from Tuscaloosa, was called upon to testify as to an audit he was involved in on Shelton's books during the years 1963 through 1966. But he declined to answer a question as to what condition the books were in.

The plaintiff's attorneys attempted to prove by Shelton that the books were in good order and that the records showed he overpaid the government \$416.48 in 1966 federal income taxes.

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